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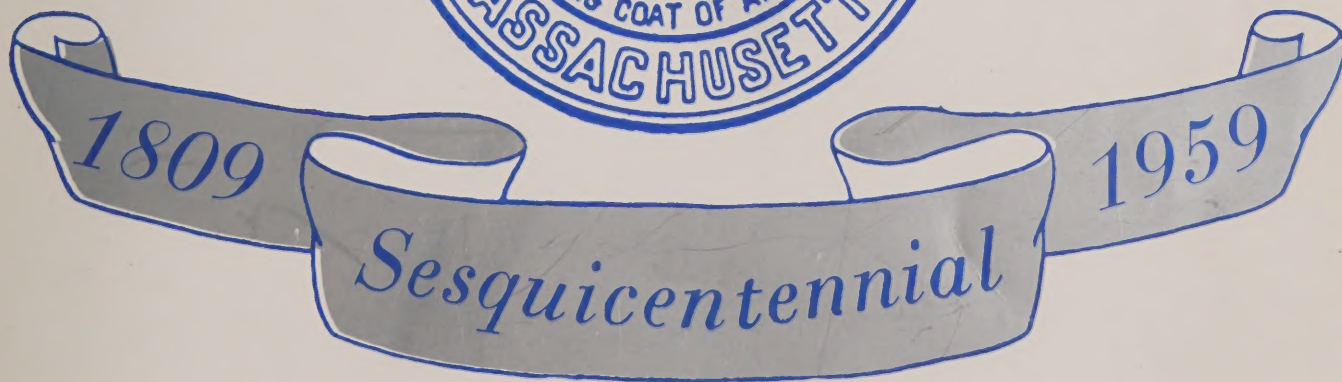
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The Tyngsborough Sesquicentennial Committee

welcomes you to the
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Celebration to be held June 12, 13, 14, 1959
Tyngsborough, Massachusetts

We sincerely hope that you will join us in our festivities. A complete
calendar of events is presented on the green center pages of this

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for your convenience and pleasure.

As you read through the pages of the V.I.A. ANNUAL you will find the Chrono-
logical History of the town from 1605 to the first recorded sound returned from Ve-
nus. Through pictures and articles you will become acquainted with the *generations*
of people who have kept the friendly village feeling as they helped Tyngsborough to
grow. This publication shows; - - - - -

our civic progress through the Town Departments,
our social life in the development of many organizations,
our business through our many advertisers,
our happiness in our homes and children,
our abiding faith through our churches.

Share with us this friendly spirit, as we commemorate
the past and look toward a promising future.

The OFFICIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAM has been compiled by the V.I.A. with the wholehearted cooperation of the
Townspeople and our neighbors.

Thank you, all!

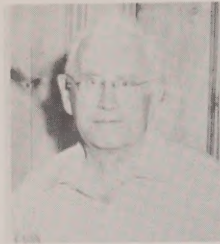
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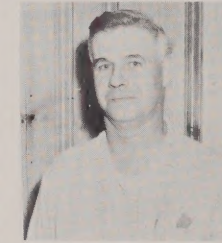
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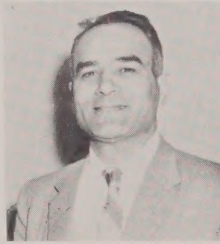
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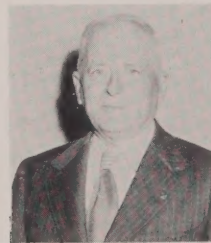
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Foster Furcolo
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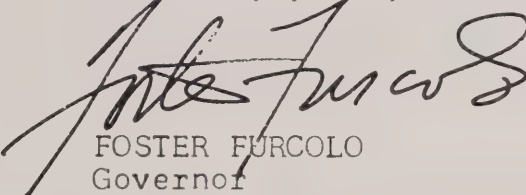
TO THE PEOPLE OF TYNGSBORO:

It is a pleasure, as Governor, to extend the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the town of Tyngsboro on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its incorporation.

The people of Tyngsboro, reviewing the background of events and achievements which have contributed to the growth and success of their community, can take particular pride in this sesquicentennial celebration.

The citizens of this state join with me in noting this memorable observance and in commending the many years of public zeal and enthusiasm which has made Tyngsboro one of our richly historical and distinctive New England towns.

Sincerely yours,


FOSTER FURCOLO
Governor

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Signatures of Former Residents of Tyngsborough

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 26, 1959

Mr. Jerome V. Hatfield
Tyngsborough, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hatfield:



My congratulations to the Town of Tyngsborough on its sesquicentennial birthday. One hundred fifty years represents a long period in American history. This beautiful Town of Tyngsborough had its beginnings in the early life of our nation. From Lexington and Concord to the Middlesex Valley the strong virile roots of American freedom spread. The people who have lived in Tyngsborough have had a part in building an independent free America. The people who live here now know this liberty is precious.

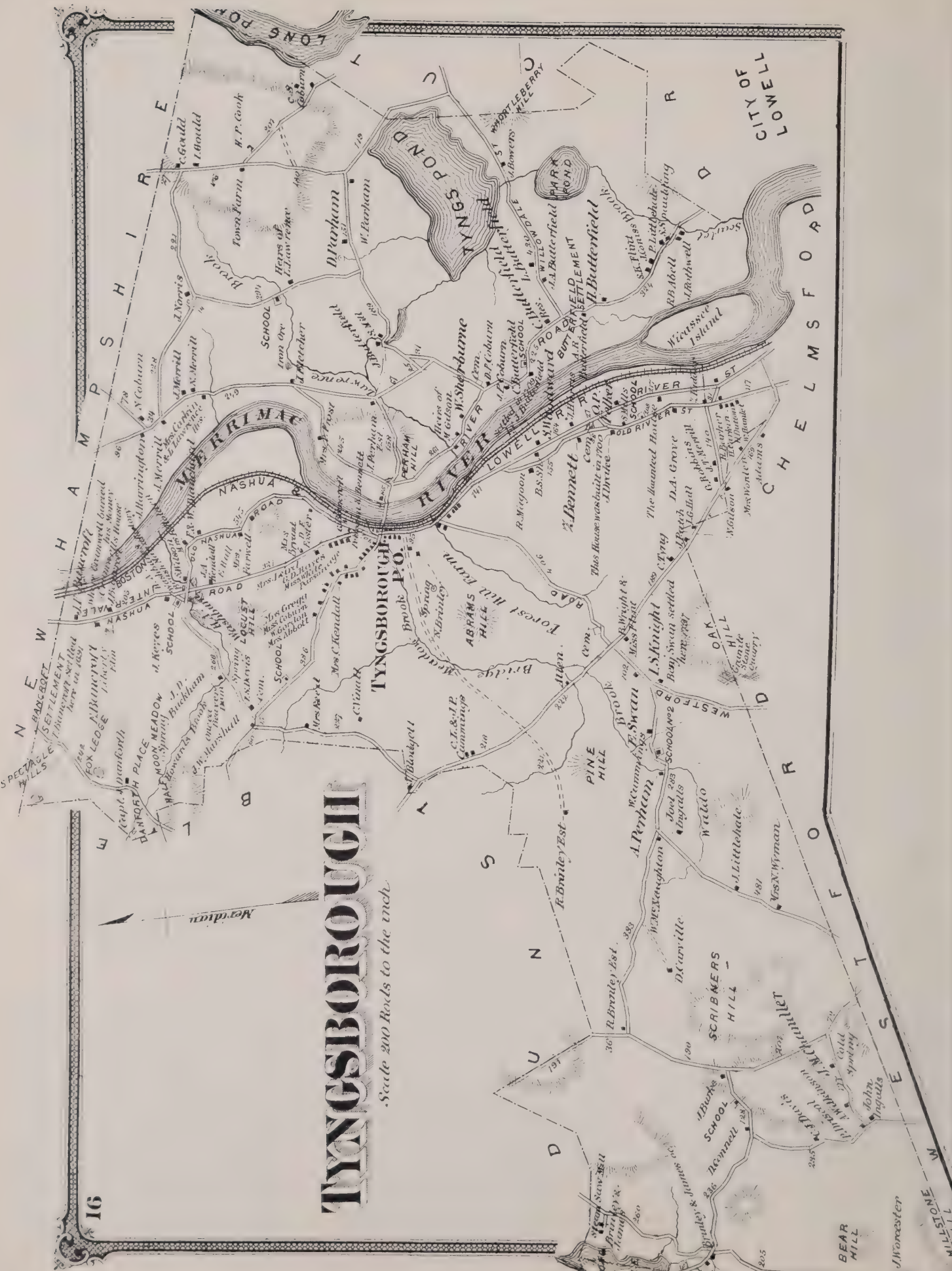
In the celebration today we have the fleeting thought of how things may be one hundred fifty years hence. When this tricentennial celebration of Tyngsborough takes place it is our hope the people of America are still enjoying a life of freedom. The Middlesex Valley constitutes hallowed ground, the cradle of the free way of life. It is my hope and yours that in this far off time to come, the people of Tyngsborough will celebrate this same freedom and independence we are blessed with today in your land and mine.

With friendly regards and all best wishes for the future, I am

Very sincerely,

Edith Nourse Rogers

Edith Nourse Rogers,
Member of Congress



TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS

The Board of Selectmen

The Town of Tyngsborough, since its Incorporation in 1809, has operated under the open form of town meeting and with a Board of Selectmen, elected annually for a term of three years. The Board of Selectmen have by virtue of their office many different and varied obligations.

In the first instance, they are bound by General Statutes, which regulate most of the duties they are called upon to execute. In those matters they are not subject to the vote of the town, but are controlled by the provisions of the General Laws.

Secondly, they are required, in the absence of Statute, to follow the town by-laws or votes of the town on specific matters. Such votes or by-laws of course must be valid and properly enacted at a regular or special town meeting under an enabling statute.

Thirdly, there is a class of minor prudential matters, which from long custom and usage, have always been performed by the Selectmen; although no Statute, By-Law or Vote of the town can be pointed to, for positive authority.

In addition to their duties as Selectmen, it has been customary to elect the same three members to the Office of Assessor and Public Welfare—entirely separate offices. The voters however, in one instance did not follow this custom. Many of the readers may recall when the voters in 1931-1932 split their ballots and voted for Albion C. Farrow for Assessor but defeated him for Selectman. They elected Fred L. Snow for Selectman but defeated him for Assessor. Each performed his respective duties for the term ending in 1935, and thereafter they served together for many years on the Board of Selectmen.

The men who have served will recall meeting the Selectmen of Groton, Dunstable and Dracut to perambulate the lines and mark the bound stones that separate the several towns. A story that has been prevalent for years is to the effect that the original survey, made under the supervision of the Harbor and Land Commission in 1807, was during the time when hard cider was a common beverage. It is said that the surveyors, having quenched their thirst as they proceeded from bound to bound, became more and more erratic as the survey continued and that this is the real reason for the illogical turns and twists that the town lines have had ever since. The most classical example being the lines between Dunstable and Tyngsborough at the Green Farm.

For a complete knowledge of the town, nothing can supplant one or two terms as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Board of Public Welfare. One contacts and rubs elbows with the finest and the not so fine; the strong and the weak; the efficient and the shiftless.

The following is a list of living ex-selectmen with their years of service.

Bertram R. Currier	1925-1928
Chester H. Queen	
Charles J. Allgrove	1927-1930
Raymond H. Norton	1930-1933
Perley E. Knight	1933-1936
Warren W. Allgrove	1941-1943
	1946-1952
Joseph E. Nolet	1943-1946
Percy Locke	1944-
Carl A. Ford	1944-1947
	1948-1951
Wesley H. Davis	1952-1955
Albert E. Holdsworth	1955-1958

The following is the present Board of Selectmen.

Edward H. O'Connor	Chairman Board of Selectmen
Martin E. Betz	Chairman Board of Assessors
James MacDowell	Chairman Board of Public Welfare



The Welfare Department

Tyngsborough, Mass.
May 26, 1959

As each department has progressed in our town, the Welfare Department is no exception.

In the earlier days of our development there was little need for welfare as it was a generally accepted fact that each individual family take care of their own that needed help. Even medical benefits were secured by payment in goods rather than cash.

Then on March 21, 1826 there was a change: "The Poor were put at auction as the Overseers of the Poor did advertise for the lowest proposals any person would bring in for the keeping of the Poor one or more years and Captain Simon Thompson's proposal being the lowest for keeping them for one year was accepted it being four hundred and fourteen dollars." s/Daniel Taylor one of the overseers of the poor.

Captain Thompson was paid for several years after that. The people were boarded at his own farm. By 1835 between 20 and 30 people were boarded not only at the Thompson farm but at the homes of several families about the town and often moved from one to the other.

Then in 1836 Deacon William Blodgett, William Parham, and Rufus M. Blodgett were appointed and agreed to serve as a committee to purchase a town farm. Captain Joseph Butterfield's Homestead was decided upon. The poor farm was continued here until 1907 when the place was sold. It is now owned and occupied by John A. Collier and is located at the junction of Parham Road and Long Pond Road.

From 1907 until 1938 the Board of Selectmen acted as Overseers of the Poor or Board of Public Welfare. About that year Perley E. Knight, as a member of the Board, was given charge of the Old Age Assistance and the W. P. A. Mrs. Gertrude Fallon was the investigator for the General Welfare and Aid to Dependent Children Programs, starting in 1941 and continuing for several years.

During Mr. Knight's administration we went thru the era of the distribution of the Government Surplus Commodities. These included food in bulk, packaged food, and coal. The coal went to the Old Age Assistance recipients. He gives a very vivid description of this with the amount of work involved in packaging the food and distributing it. Also every single item had to be accounted for to the government.

Mr. Knight served as Old Age Supervisor until 1946. He was also the Sponsor's Agent for the W. P. A. until its end in 1941. He was followed as Old Age supervisor by Willis C. Trainor in 1946. In 1947 Harold O. Bell was appointed. He served till the end of 1948 when Charles J. Allgrove was appointed, who served until May 22, 1950. On May 22, 1950 the first full time Welfare Agent, George W. Shipley, was appointed. He served until April 14, 1959. In May 1959, Mrs. Leona Lombard was appointed.

The first full time clerk was appointed in July 1949 when Miss Elise A. Parkhurst was appointed. She was forced to resign in January 1958 due to ill health. Mrs. Theresa Lemire and Mrs. Patricia Shaw served as temporary clerks until the appointment of the present clerk, Mrs. Gertrude Costello.

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TYNGSBOROUGH CENTER THROUGH 50 YEARS



New U. S. Post Office, 1958



Bridge & Post Office about 1900 - 1913



Tyngsborough Center



Town Hall & Street - 1923



Store & Post Office, 1913 - 1958



George Bell, Adelbert Bell, Chester Queen, Enlo A. Perham
1946

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS



Police Department of Tyngsborough 1909 1959

From a Police Department consisting of two elected constables and special officers appointed by the Selectmen and serving under the direction of the aforementioned Selectmen to the present day department of three permanent men, there have been many changes in personnel and equipment. In making this report I have tried to note the important changes through the years, also the rise in cost of the Police Department to the taxpayers of Tyngsborough.

In 1910 One Hundred and Eighty Dollars was expended by the Police Department. This sum was expended under the sole direction of the Selectmen. During the next twelve years the Department remained quite the same, with slight increases in appropriations.

1922 found Joseph Pelletier appointed Chief of Police, to serve under Section 97 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws which established a Police Department under the immediate control of the Chief of Police. The appropriation at this time was Five Hundred Dollars.

During the years Chief Pelletier served, he made many arrests relating to bootlegging. In his yearly report for the year 1922 he asked that the people increase his appropriation to, as he put it: "Combat the notorious conditions that exist in the Lakeview section of Town, before they get beyond his control." The next year he received an appropriation of \$1,400.00

In 1925 the town voted to purchase a motorcycle for the use of the Police Department. It was on this same motorcycle that Chief Pelletier was killed.

In 1926 Gerald Lorman was appointed to succeed Pelletier. He served for seven years.

In 1933 and 1934 there were two chiefs who served for short periods of time.



Charles A. Lorman

In 1935 Charles A. Lorman was appointed Chief. This same year the Town had its first radio communication. This was installed in the Chief's private car. It was a one-way radio; that is, the officer could receive calls only. This radio communication was established with the Nashua Police Department of Nashua, New Hampshire. To this day we are still connected with the Nashua Department. The appropriation at this time was \$3,000.00

Previous to 1935 the Police Department would be contacted in the following manner. Anyone wanting to get in touch with the officer who was on patrol would call the Chief's home. The person answering the phone in the Chief's home would contact homes in different parts of Town, and by a prearranged plan, these different homes would put on a blue light outside their home. The patrolling officer seeing the blue light would stop and call his office for the message.

The year 1938 saw the Chief acquire Civil Service protection. This was voted him by the people. This same year the first two-way radio was installed in the Chief's private car.

In 1941 the Town voted to purchase an automobile for the use of the Police Department. Up until this year the Chief had to use his own car to answer complaints.

In 1946 Chief Charles A. Lorman recommended to the people in his yearly report that a permanent night patrol be set up to combat the night-time breaks. In 1948 a permanent night patrol was voted by the people. This was done, and the Chief selected one patrolman for this duty. Also this same year the Town acquired a new two-way radio to be installed in the Police Cruiser. The appropriation at this time was \$5,600.00

In 1952 Chief Charles A. Lorman retired and Officer William Doyle was appointed Officer-In-Charge pending a Civil Service examination to establish a Civil Service list for Chief.

In 1955 the Police Department purchased a new two-way radio. Also this same year a third man was appointed as a permanent officer. This increased the department from two to three men. Each man was assigned a shift. The shifts were arranged as day shift, early night shift, late night shift. This arrangement is still carried on to this day.

In 1956, 1957 and 1958 there were increases noted for the Police appropriation to cover the cost of maintaining the cruiser on all three shifts. Also this same year, 1958, the first Police Office was established in the lower Town Hall. This was done by men of the Police Department who recognized the urgent need for a permanent Police Office.

In February 1958 a Chief, Stanley A. Johnson was appointed to serve his six-month probationary period under the Civil Service regulations. After serving a little over three months, he was discharged as being unsatisfactory. The present Chief, Harold L. Pivrotto was appointed from the Civil Service list and has satisfactorily served the six-month probationary period.

In this report I have pointed out the transition from the motorcycle to the present day cruiser. I have also noted the growth from a part-time Police Department to the present day department. All this accredited to those people who recognize the need of a good, efficient Police Department.

Submitted by:
Harold L. Pivrotto
Chief of Police

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS

The Tyngsborough Fire Department

Since very early times the Town of Tyngsborough has had some form of fire protective group. Long before there was any semblance of an organized fire department, history reveals that the town was the owner of a fire engine. On November 10, 1834 the town accepted its first fire engine from a group known as the Proprietors of the Fire Engine. While the equipment available to these early firefighters was limited, their aim and purpose of protection of life and property was the same as that held today by the present modern volunteer department.

In 1914 Tyngsborough boasted that it had as good, or better, fire protection than any town its size in the state. Its equipment at this time consisted of 120 three gallon chemical fire extinguishers, 120 ten gallon cans, 36 hand spray pumps, 2 forty gallon, hand drawn chemical engines, and a twenty horsepower gasoline power sprayer that would put the contents of a well on top of a house in short order should the occasion require.

The early history of the organized fire department is well detailed in the 1931 Annual. Some of the high points are repeated here.

At the Annual Town Meeting of February 3, 1930, \$1,200 was raised and appropriated for a fire truck and pump. A six cylinder, Chevrolet truck chassis was purchased and Mr. George A. Duff built on it a steel body. The body contained the town's old 40 gallon chemical tanks, hose reel, hand extinguishers and pumps, as well as old and new hose. At a special meeting in May, 1930, additional funds were voted for a new Barton front end pump for the truck. About June 1930 Mr. Duff completed the truck. This piece served the town faithfully until it was retired in 1951.

The first official fire department came into being in July, 1930. At a special town meeting, it was voted to adopt that portion of the General Laws authorizing the establishment of a Volunteer Fire Department with a Chief to be appointed by the selectmen. Mr. Harold G. Dunlap was appointed the first Chief.

One of Chief Dunlap's first projects was providing adequate housing for the new engine. To accomplish this, the south end of the town shed was remodeled to become the fire station. This is essentially the same building, although it has since been enlarged and remodeled, which is the present Station One. The fire company consisted of sixteen men: Chief Harold G. Dunlap, Assistant Chief George A. Gaudette, Jr., Capt. Frank Cobleigh, Capt. Prosper Brown, Lieut. George Robeson, Treas. Perley Knight, Sec. Corliss Lambert, Drivers Chester Queen, Adelbert Bell, Carl Ranstrom, Raymond Norton, Guy Constantine, Harold Stanley, Robert Duff, Charles Derbabian, Louis Tellier.

In 1931 a Model "T" Ford Fire Truck was purchased by the town. This acquisition provided two pieces of motorized fire apparatus.

The second Fire Chief was Perley E. Knight who took over the department in 1936.

The next major piece of fire equipment added to the department was in 1943. In this year, the Annual Meeting voted to accept a Tank Type Fire Truck. This truck, which was a converted oil truck, was built by the Firemen's Relief Association. The tank of this truck still serves the town, on a different chassis, and is known as Tank 2.

In 1947 the town voted to purchase a new Tank Type Fire

Truck with pump and equipment. This truck, which is presently in service as Tank 1, was delivered in 1948. Constructed on a 1948 Dodge chassis, this piece has a 1,000 gallon tank, a 250 GPM pump with ladders, hose and other equipment.

Guy Constantine became the third Fire Chief in 1947. In this year the department also acquired two Hale portable pumps. These pumps have proved to be very valuable pieces of rural fire fighting equipment. One pump was purchased by the town, and the second was purchased by the Fireman's Ball Committee. This was also the year of the initiation of a Volunteer Fire Company on the East side of the river. This group, which was sparked by the hard work of Mr. Leo F. Flanagan, Sr. served the town efficiently with one Tank Truck.

In 1949 the town voted \$8,500 for a new Fire Engine. The engine which was delivered the same year is known as Engine 2. On a Ford chassis, it has a 600 GPM pump, a 500 gallon tank with ladders, hose and associated equipment. This same year the town voted to accept a piece of land on Lakeview Avenue donated by Mr. Leo F. Flanagan, Sr. and also voted the funds for construction of a fire station on the land. The first story of this station was constructed mainly by volunteer labor. This project once again was inspired by Mr. Flanagan. Plans for the modern two story, brick type station were drawn by Mr. Ivan Dove, the designer. The first story was essentially completed in time to house the new engine when it was delivered. During the year men of the Station 2 Association completed a State Training course in Fire-fighting. This was the first course of this type given in the town.

In November 1950 Frederick P. Flanagan became Chief of the Fire Department filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Guy Constantine.

At the Annual Meeting in 1951, \$2,000 was voted for the purchase of a chassis and the construction of a body for Engine 1. \$500 was also voted to purchase a chassis to replace the chassis of Tank 2.

Robert G. Duff became Fire Chief in May 1951.

At the Annual Meeting in 1952 money was voted to complete Station 2 by adding the second floor meeting or community room. This area not only provides meeting space for the Volunteer Fireman's Association and other civic groups, but was also used temporarily as a class room to relieve overcrowded school conditions.

Money voted at the Annual Meeting of 1953 provided the town with its first radio equipped fire apparatus. Two mobile sets were purchased for operation on the State Forestry Band. One set was installed on Tank 1 and the other on Engine 2. The advent of radio, which made possible communication between the two pieces of apparatus and also apparatus of other nearby towns, greatly improved the efficiency of the department.

Sixteen fire hydrants were installed along Lakeview Avenue and upper Frost Road in 1953. These hydrants were connected to the Dracut Water Supply District line which runs along this route. The hydrants enabled many residents of the area to obtain insurance rate reductions.

The Department took another step forward in 1959 when at the Annual Meeting the town voted money for the purchase of land and the construction of a new building to replace Station 1. Land was purchased from the Bostick family, on Kendall Road. Plans have been completed and construction work on the new station is expected to begin in the near future.



TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS



Public Schools

On the 27th of December 1748 the town of Dunstable, (which included the area that is now Tyngsborough) voted "to raise thirty Pounds old Tenor for the Supporte of a school." In April 1775 the town was divided into districts and five school buildings were erected.



In 1789 Madam Sarah Tyng Winslow offered a cash donation for the betterment of the schools. When Tyngsborough was established as a separate town, the Winslow School was also established in the center. That building was one that is presently Mrs. F. H. Sargent's garage.

In 1865 the Winslow School was transferred to the building that is now the Town Hall. At the annual town meeting in April 1888, authority was given to close schoolhouses in outlying districts, and to spend money to carry children from those districts to and from schools located elsewhere. During the summer vacation of that year an elementary school was established in the village, in a room fitted up for the purpose, over the store, at the west end of the Tyngsborough bridge. At the same time an advanced school was established in the old Winslow School house, (town hall) the primary and the three lowest grades were housed in the room over the store.

The establishment of a graded school made it imperative that a new school be built to accommodate the children. The Winslow School on its present site was built to fill this need. The first session in the new school house was on October 11, 1892. "The opening of the schools in the new 'Winslow School' building was verily a red-letter day in the new school era of this old town, the consolidation era."



In 1915 this school was remodeled to meet the need for classrooms. Again in 1948, a wing was added to the school. Over the years enrollments steadily increased. After using all available space in the building for classrooms, (and one year hiring a classroom in Dunstable,) using a room in the library, also the recreation room of firehouse #2, and going on double sessions, the townspeople finally voted to erect a new school.

The site was purchased from Mrs. Laura A. Shipley. It was situated on Coburn Road. A fine modern school, named the Lakeview School, with an auditorium, cafeteria, principal's office, clinic, eight classrooms, a room for remedial work, teachers' room, supply room and janitor's storage spaces was erected. The first classes in this building were held May 23, 1957, for the afternoon sessions. The building was dedicated March 16, 1958.

This did not mean the abandonment of the Winslow School. Both schools are in use. At present there is an enrollment of 308 pupils in the Winslow school and 242 at Lakeview. It is quite obvious that in a short time rooms will have to be added to the Lakeview school to house the ever growing enrollment as Tyngsborough continues to grow.

Tyngsborough does not maintain a high school. The 140 (at present) children of high school age, are tuition pupils. These pupils attend the following schools: Lowell High School, Nashua, N. H. High School and Junior High School, Lowell Trade High, Dracut, Westford and Chelmsford.

Transportation changed with the times. In the days of the district schools pupils walked to school. When the school was centralized horse drawn barges were used for transportation of pupils. Pupils from the Wood's Corner area rode on the electric car, finally came the use of motorized school busses. Five busses now transport the majority of pupils to the schools. These busses are owned and operated by their drivers, who bid for contracts every three years.



TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Littlefield Library

The Littlefield Library is a good illustration of the growth and success of all our public institutions. It had its origin more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago in a small circulating library of about 150 volumes, known as the "Tyngsborough and Dunstable (N. H.) Proprietor's Library." In 1793 about thirty of the inhabitants of those towns formed themselves into a company of proprietors and founded the first public library. The volumes were kept at the house of Maj. Jonathan Bancroft, at the state line, as the most convenient place and the Major was librarian during its existence, a period of about forty years. It was dissolved in 1832. But the year before this, in 1831, the Tyngsborough Social Library was formed and contained around 400 volumes. This was kept in various places in the center of the town. Thus this library carried on the work of its predecessor.

By the law passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1837, school districts were allowed to appropriate money for district libraries, and in 1840 a library had been placed in each of the seven districts of Tyngsborough and another step thus taken in the campaign of education.

In 1870 the town accepted the provision of the law abolishing the district system and purchased the district property, thereby bringing these libraries into its possession, and on April 1, 1878, placed them in the hands of a board of trustees to whom the proprietors of the Social Library voted its books, and these united formed the Free Public Library containing about 1000 volumes.



In 1904 Mrs. Lucy Swan Littlefield bequeathed the town Five Thousand Dollars for a Library building to be called the Littlefield Library, in memory of her daughter, Miss Lucy Littlefield. This bequest, with an appropriation from the town, made possible the present attractive brick building which was erected in 1905.

We feel that we have one of the cosiest Libraries in the State: a low, one story building, with open book shelves, fireplaces at each end of the room with comfortable chairs, table and reading lamps where readers may pass away many happy and profitable hours.

Pictures in the Library are: over the front door, Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, donor of the library. In the vestibule: Miss Lucy

Littlefield and Mr. Daniel Perham, one of the first trustees. Over the shelves in back of the desk, Mr. Joseph Bennett, one of the founders of the public library. Over the fireplaces are portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinley, more generally known as "Sir" Robert and "Lady" Brinley. Lady Brinley was the granddaughter of Judge John Tyng, from whose family the town gets its name. "Sir" Robert built the Brinley Mansion now owned by the Sisters of Notre Dame. In the office, Dr. Calvin Thomas, first Doctor in Tyngsborough. Back of the desk, a picture of the ferry crossing the river, given by Mrs. Ayers Butterfield and painted by a niece.

A case of birds was given by Miss Marion Bennett and a cabinet, given by Mr. John E. Barr, to hold a lovely collection of shells given by Miss Clara Everett are a never ending source of enjoyment to the school children.

Owing to the placing of book shelves in every available space, this small building can accommodate 20,000 volumes and at the present time there are about 12,273 volumes. We are subscribing to many magazines and also have several donated to the Library.

The library has been well endowed, for besides the bequest of \$5,000. Mrs. Littlefield gave \$4,000, the income to be used for the purchase of books. Miss Mary Bennett gave \$5,000, no restrictions on the income. Mr. Frederick Blanchard gave \$2,000, the income to be used for repairs. Mrs. Polly R. Bennett gave \$300. Mrs. Mary Bridge, \$100. Edgar Perham, \$1,000. Lucy A. Park, Library Fund, Central Saving Bank Book. The income from these funds and the dog tax from the town used to pay the expenses of the Library. Owing to the increase in the circulation, higher prices for books and necessity to have more help has made it necessary for an appropriation from the Town. In the fall of 1957 it was found necessary to open a branch library at the Lakeview School. This has proved very much worth while. Anywhere from 70 to 100 books are given out to school children and teachers at the Lakeview School each week.

We are open Wednesday from 10:30 to 3 o'clock for the Winslow School children and Thursday morning for the Lakeview School children. There are so many school children that we found it increased the efficiency in charging books to give each child a number, also a big help when there are several children in one family. We find that there is a great deal of interest among the school children and the older grades are looking up references in relation to their school work.

For several years the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society held their November meeting at the Library, at which time the school children came in to see the very wonderful exhibition of articles which were used in the homes of olden times. Some of the ladies wore old costumes and Mrs. Hammond showed the children how candles were dipped. We are sorry to say that the classes got so large that it was not possible to continue the custom.

We are open Wednesday evening 7 to 9 o'clock and Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 and in the evening 7 to 9 o'clock

This year the Trustees of the Library have had the cellar walls painted, which is a wonderful improvement, as the cellar has always been very damp. It is hoped it will be possible to store books there which we wish to keep but have no place for in the main library.

The Trustees also had shrubs planted in the front of the Library which adds to the attractiveness of the building.

Because of the widening of route 3 we are going to lose some of our lawn and trees.

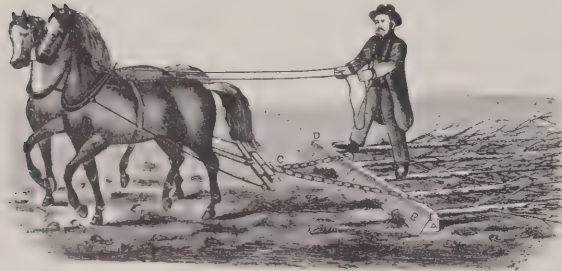
Lena M. Coburn
Librarian

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Road Building

During the past 100 years there has been progress in the building of town roads. The narrow, crooked, and rough path which served its purpose in the 1800's is no longer adequate for today's travel and transportation.

This century, likewise, has seen the planting of trees and shrubs to beautify our highways, the lighting of streets with lamps, and the building of sidewalks. In less than 100 years, these trees—these



A road machine in the early 1900's is a contrast to the road grader owned by the Town of Tyngsborough in 1959.

Great as the contrast is between the type of machinery used in the old days as compared with today, then greater is the difference in the payroll sheets.

A page from the record book of J. G. Queen in March, 1893 with one in August, 1958 written by Leo G. Pelletier, present highway surveyor.



Account of Expenses				Exp.	
G. Green. March 24/93					
March	24	1/2	1/2	1/2	1.00
"	26	1	1/2	"	1.00
"	"	1	1/10	"	.13
"	30	1	1/20	"	.05
April	10	1	1	"	2.00
"	"	1	1	"	1.50
"	11	1	1	"	1.50
"	"	1	1	"	2.00
"	12	1	1	"	2.00
"	"	1	1	"	1.50
"	14	1	1	"	2.00
"	17	1	1	"	1.50
"	17	1	1	"	2.00
"	18	1	1	"	1.25
"	"	1	1	"	2.00
"	"	1	1	"	1.50
"	22	1	1	"	1.50
"	24	Sharpening tools		40	1.00
"	29	2 men	1/2 day on road	1.75	
"	"	1	1/10	"	.13
"	"	Use of stone tools		.10	.10
					26.10

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Transportation

by John B. Barr

The Railroad Through Tyngsborough, 1838-1959

The Town of Tyngsborough perhaps was not as much affected by the development of rail transportation as were many other towns where a greater variety of industries were located. However, railroad service through Tyngsborough began at a comparatively early date. The town happened to be located on the first extension of the first railroad to be opened as a common carrier in Massachusetts. The Nashua and Lowell Railroad which began service on October 8, 1838 was, in effect, an extension of the three-year-old Boston and Lowell Railroad. Also, it was the first railroad to be chartered in New Hampshire. This line is, of course, still in operation as part of the Boston and Maine Railroad's line from Boston to White River Jct., Vermont where it connects with other lines leading to northern New England and into Canada.



For some time up to the early 1920's Tyngsborough had four trains a day from Boston and Lowell and five trains a day to Lowell and Boston. Ten years later two trains still stopped going north, but only one south except on Friday afternoons when a special stop was made by a Boston-bound train. When mail service was transferred from trains to trucks, the morning north-bound train was discontinued. Now, with the still-existing Friday afternoon exception, there is only a morning train to Boston and an evening train from Boston that stop at the site of the Tyngsborough railroad station.

During the years since the railroad was opened, Tyngsborough has had a number of station buildings and also some periods, like the present, during which no passenger station was maintained. Although railroad service began in 1838, there is no record of a station being built until 1855. By 1863, according to the Boston and Maine's records, this building had been converted to a freight house. In 1880 the railroad built another passenger station which was destroyed by fire in 1903. While another new station was being constructed, a combination passenger-baggage car was moved in on the siding and set up as a temporary station. The new station building that was completed in 1903 was in use until torn down in 1957. The freight house was removed, and only car-load freight handled after about 1940. The buildings that housed the trackmen's hand-cars or motor-cars and the oil supply for signal lights were destroyed before or during the 1936 flood. Tyngsborough is now equipped only with a concrete platform, a track-side sign and a siding for carload freight. Tyngsborough residents best remembered as station employees included Reuben Sherburne, Charles Hunter, and Hyacinth Gagnon as agents. Mr. Hunter's sister worked for a time as telegrapher and her husband, "Ed" Larabee was a helper and caretaker around the premises. Chester Queen took care of the station for the last twenty years or so that it was in use and after there was no full-time agent.

Besides the facilities already described, Tyngsborough had, at some time, two industrial sidings as well as another passenger stop at "Vesper Club" where a shelter was maintained near the west end of the old suspension bridge to Tyng's Island. Incidentally, this Vesper Club station is one of the very few, if not the only station building of which no photographic record was ever made or kept. It was used mainly by people who depended on some form

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Electric Car Lines Through Tyngsborough 1895 - 1932

During the trolley car era, Tyngsborough was served by two lines of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company and its predecessors. There was a line from Lowell to Nashua which traversed what is now Lakeview Avenue from the Dracut boundary near Lakeview to Frost Road and then along the latter into Hudson, N. H. In fact, most of the present Lakeview Avenue was non-existent until the electric car line was built in 1895. After the cars started to run, or to help build the line a narrow, sandy road ran beside the track. The electric line from Lowell to Nashua was the first long distance street car line to be built and operated in the United States. In return for permission to build the Nashua line through the east side of Tyngsborough, the street car company agreed to build an extension from North Chelmsford to Tyngsborough Center for the convenience of the village residents. This line also served people traveling to the Vesper Country Club and to Harmony Grove. The latter was an outing area on the east bank of the Merrimack River just north of Tyngsborough Bridge.

Through service between Lowell and Nashua was gradually curtailed beginning soon after World War I, and was permanently abandoned in September, 1922. Irregular trips ran to Coburn's Corner (then designated as "Gregoire's Corner") until early in 1924. The Gregoires, who lived in what is now Fred Landry's house on Lakeview Avenue were V. I. P. customers on the street cars, and were often carried up to their home on trips not scheduled to run beyond Lakeview. They were very hospitable and usually served refreshments to the car crews who showed them extra consideration of any kind.



The electric car line to Tyngsborough Village continued from 1897 until the early 1930's. During the period when trolley riding was at the peak of its popularity for business and pleasure the fare from Lowell was ten cents. The cars ran every half-hour and it took about forty-five minutes for the trip. After World War I service was reduced to once an hour and about every two hours at the end. This service, for years, was given by shuttle car between North Chelmsford and Tyngsborough. Later through service was resumed for a few years, but at the end changing at North Chelmsford was again required, even after motor busses were in use.

There was an anecdote worth recording in connection with the inauguration of electric car service to Tyngsborough Center. As the first car came into town, the event was celebrated by a cannon-shot from the grounds of the Merrill House (where the Red Wing Diner is now located). Although no direct hit was scored, the impact of the shot shattered the glass windows in the street car!

CROSSING THE MERRIMACK AT TYNGSBOROUGH



Ferry — 1728 - 1873



Old Bridge 1873 - 1932



Buggy — 1932 Ben Lawrence first and last to cross old Bridge
and first to cross New Bridge



Both Bridges 1932



Cutting Ribbon, 1932.
Homer Noble, A. C. Farrow, Raymond Norton

In Memoriam

George W. Bacon
Hazel (Warley) Bacon
Nellie (Ingalls) Bacon
Edna H. Bancroft
Mr. & Mrs. J. Frank Bancroft
Mr. & Mrs. Kirk H. Bancroft
Lottie (Upton) Bancroft
Ann (Norris) Barr
Gertrude (Burton) Bell
Harold O. Bell
Mr. & Mrs. Chandler B. Bowlby
Ophepia S. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Bruce
Wallace P. Butterfield
Ken & Bertha Cahoon
Horace G. Clarke
Fred A. Coburn
Martha (Higgins) Coburn
Miss Grace Coburn
Mrs. Mary Jane Coffin
Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Coles
Mrs. Alice (Mitchell) Collier
Mr. & Mrs. Frank G. Cummings
Louville & Elizabeth Curtis
Mr. & Mrs. Edward P. Danforth
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene DeLisle
Henry G. Demarais
William & Sarah (Chard) Dixon
Gerard J. Driscoll
Andrew Dunlap
Mr. & Mrs. Carlos W. Dunning
Emery Dupras
Nellie (Davis) Dupras
Fannie A. Elliott
Henry C. Fall
Albion Coleman Farrow
Charles F. Farrow
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene A. Flag
Elmer L. Flanders
Mrs. Carrie (Littlehale) Flint
Mr. & Mrs. Perry A. Flint

Albert A. Flint
Mrs. George M. Gilson
Henry Arthur Gilson
Blanche (Martin) Gilson
Mrs. Clara Richards Gilson
Miss Mary Gray
Charles A. Gregoire
Lt. Curtiss Guild
Adelina (Porter) Hall
Ann Hall
Dr. & Mrs. Granville A. Harlow
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Holt
Harry F. Holt, Sr.
Helen (Warley) Horne
Harry Elbridge Hunter
Etta M. (Upton) Hunter
Arthur E. Hunter
Dolly (Cote) Hunter
Gladys (Lorman) Jackman
Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Keyes
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton P. Kimball
Mr. & Mrs. S. Maitland Knight
Henry J. La France
Dr. Frederick D. Lambert
Emund Landry, Jr. (Vet.)
Anna La Pierre
Harry L. Littlehale
John H. D. Littlehale
John B. Lord
Charles A. Lorman, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Lorman
Mrs. Hazel (Ward) Lovering
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur R. Marshall
James Martin
G. W. McKittrick
Joseph & Mary Mitchell
Dorothy (Lorman) Moore
John Mulvaney (Jack)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Norris
John Norris Family

Annie (Wright) Norton
Mrs. Myrtle (Snow) Park
Frank E. Parker
Elise A. Parkhurst
Mr. Murray Parrish
Achille Pelletier
Joseph A. Pelletier
Robert D. Pelletier (Vet.)
Enlo A. Perham
Mrs. Maude (Parham) Queen
Silas J. Roberts
Miriam (Hanlon) Robeson
Mrs. Cora (Littlehale) Ruketts
Miss Anna Sargent
Mrs. Clara (Jewett) Swallow
Betty (Lord) Shea
Daniel J. Shea
Nellie L. Shea
Miss Bernice R. Sherburne
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond W. Sherburne
Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Sherburne
Warren Alva & Francena (Davis) Sherburne
Herbert Frank Shipley
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Snow
Mr. & Mrs. Isiah F. Spindell
Mr. & Mrs. Harold R. Stanley
Healon E. Symonds
Irving Thurston
Roscoe C. & Bertha (Sherburne) Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Upton
Harry J. Walcott
Harry R. Warley
Annie (Stevens) Warley
Reginald W. Warley
Eunice M. Waugh
Channing Whitaker, Jr.
Miss Grace Whitaker
Cordelia E. Wilkins
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest W. Wilkins
George E. & Altha J. Wilkins
Grace (Webster) Wilson
James & Fannie Woodward

First Parish Church Unitarian

by John R. Sanders

The First Parish in Tyngsborough is the direct descendant of the Established Church in the town during colonial times. Before the separation of the colonies of New Hampshire and Massachusetts there was a church in South Nashua. After the separation a church was built in Tyngsborough. This was the meeting house at the time the First Parish was formed.

On May 7, 1834 twenty legal voters of the First Parish addressed an application to Daniel Richardson Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex asking him to call a meeting "of said Parish that the same may be organized according to law in such case made and provided, and for that purpose to choose a Moderator, Clerk, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector and other usual Parish officers." Upon receipt of this application Daniel Richardson issued a warrant calling for a meeting on "Saturday the thirty first day of May at four of the clock in the afternoon."

The records show that Daniel Taylor was chosen Parish Clerk; Dr. Calvin Thomas, Moderator; Robert Brinley, Capt. Eben Swan and William Parham, Assessors; Joseph Upton, Treasurer and Ebenezer Swan, Jr., Collector. After establishing the methods of calling a meeting, a committee was chosen to "examine the old meeting house, and if they think the old house not worth repairing; to ascertain what move the Parish ought to adopt for the building of a new house and the probable expense of same." Jeremiah Kendall, Col. James Butterfield and John Wilson were chosen as the committee and ordered to report at an adjourned meeting set for July 4th at 5 P. M.

The adjourned meeting met as called and the committee reported that the old meeting house was not worth repairing in the following language, "after a thorough examination they are fully satisfied that said Meetinghouse is in such a state of decay as is inexpedient to repair the same." The report was accepted and a new committee was formed to plan for building a new meeting house. Another group was formed "to ascertain how many shares can be disposed of at \$25 a share to be remunerated by the sale of the pews." To this second group were added two members of each school district in town. Six men were named in this group so on July 4th 1834 there must have been three school districts in the town.

The next meeting was called for March 23, 1835 but adjourned immediately to April 6th, at which time they voted to "raise forty pounds for the Rev. Nath'l Lawrence's Salary and twenty five dollars to buy his wood and a further sum of fifty dollars for the incidental expenses of the Parish." A building committee was named, and instructed to report at an adjourned meeting on May 4th, 1835.

At the May 4th, 1835 meeting the committee brought in a plan "for building a new house and the expenses of same, The house to be fifty feet long by forty-six feet wide, and that the probable expense will be two thousand five hundred dollars." As far as is known this is the only existing information on the cost of building the church. At this meeting a building committee was chosen to "have general charge and superintendence of said house, and Robert Brinley Esq., Daniel Richardson and Capt. Ebenezer Swan were chosen that committee."

At a Sept. 28th, 1835 meeting the plans of the building committee were accepted and the location of the church was set on "the west end on the line of the old common". Another vote was taken to dispose of the old meeting house by auction and to permit "the building committee to make assessments and call on the subscribers for building the meeting house, from time to time as they shall think proper."

On April 30th, 1836 at the annual meeting the Parish voted to raise \$100 for the ministers salary and for the ordinary expenses of the Parish.

In July of 1836 the Parish met and voted to dedicate the new meeting house on Wednesday the third of August at ten in the morning. A committee of Asa Butterfield, Deacon Jonathan Howard and Jeremiah Kendall was chosen to oversee the event. At this same meeting the building committee was instructed to appraise and sell or rent the pews for the appraised figures. At this same meeting the Parish voted to sell the old bell which belonged to them and "buy a bell for the new church of such a size and quality as they shall think proper." There is no indication of where the bell was acquired. Rumor has it that it is a "genuine Paul Revere bell." This is doubtful since the "REVERE BOSTON" mark is the one used by one of Paul Revere's sons who went into business in competition with his father and brothers.

The elm trees which were recently removed from the church lawn were ordered by a vote in Sept. of 1836. These trees were one hundred and twenty two years old then when they were removed in 1958. Another interesting item in this September meeting is a vote "that a committee of three be chosen to investigate the subject of the old meeting house that was sold at auction and ascertain the amount it sold for and make a dividend and pay over to the Pew Holders in the said house the amount . . .". There is no further comment in the records of the background or outcome of this item.

On Dec. 9, 1837 the Parish met to decide some minor matters and to act on a request that the Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence had submitted asking that a "colleague be settled to help him in his ministerial duties." The Parish declined and a few interesting notes make us wish that we actually had a complete record of what transpired. At the next meeting on May 12th, 1838 we find "Voted to choose a committee to confer with the Rev. Nath. Lawrence on the terms he will dissolve his connexion with the First Parish — to report at the adjournment of this meeting." On May 19th the adjourned meeting met and "voted that a committee of three be chosen to wait upon Rev. Nath. Lawrence, and urgently to request him to consent to an immediate dissolution of his ministerial connection with this Parish and offer him his salary to the sixth day of January next." After a half hour's adjournment the Parish again met and "The committee chosen to wait on the Rev. Mr. Lawrence made a report that the Rev. Mr. Lawrence agreed to give up his connexion with the First Parish if they would pay him his salary up to the sixth day of January, 1839. The Parish then voted to pay him his salary up to the 6th of January, 1839 provided he will quit preaching at any time the Parish may determine by their vote."

This did not settle the matter of Mr. Lawrence's leaving. On June 20th, 1838 we find a vote to comply with Rev. Lawrence's written request for an Ecclesiastical Council to carry into effect any agreements between himself and the church. At that same meeting it was "voted that if the Rev. Mr. Lawrence should appear here to preach tomorrow the assessors of said church open the doors of the church belonging to the First Parish of Tyngsborough. At the Sept. 8th meeting it was "voted that the Rev. Mr. Sayward continue to preach for the present." It was also "Voted to choose a committee — to ascertain the difficulties existing between the Rev. Lawrence and the First Parish." A week later Mr. Lawrence had felt it inconvenient to meet with the committee so the Parish "voted that inasmuch as the Parish have done everything on their part to settle the difficulties existing between it and the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, they will cease from making any further advances for that purpose but that they hold themselves in readiness to meet him for that purpose whenever he should request it." "Voted that a copy of the preceding vote be furnished Rev. Lawrence by the Clerk of the Parish."

On October 20th, 1838 a vote was taken to provide for the ecclesiastical council to settle the Rev. Lawrence problem. It was also voted to continue the Rev. Mr. Sayward ten Sabbaths at \$10 per Sabbath. On Dec. 17th, 1838 the Parish voted to hire the Rev. Mr. Wood to preach three months from the first of January next.

At a meeting on January 26th, 1839 The Rev. Mr. Lawrence presented a proposal for settling his difficulties with the parish without a council. An agreement was drawn up as follows.

"A Committee from Church and Parish, chosen for the express purpose of settling all matters between them and the Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence both legal and ecclesiastical, met by agreement at the house of Rev. N. Lawrence on the 26th of January, 1839 for the above purpose. Though the Rev. N. Lawrence would have preferred the decision of an ecclesiastical council, that his lengthy connexion with his people might be dissolved in the same order it was formed and that he might feel his character and himself at the disposal of his brethren in the ministry with whom he has had many years of uninterrupted ministerial intercourse. But understanding by the committee it was the unanimous wish of the Parish, that a council might not be convened on the occasion and that all matters might be amicably adjusted and settled by ourselves; actuated by such a desire and to gratify the above wish, I give up what I might claim as a right and consent to dispense with an ecclesiastical Council, and according to your compliance with my request for dismission, it is to be considered as effected and of course my particular pastoral relation with this church and people, without depriving me of ministerial labours, functions and privileges in Christ's Church, according to the order of the gospel



The Ladies Aid Alliance First Parish Unitarian Church

The Ladies Aid Alliance of the First Parish Church was formed in July 1837, when the women of the Parish met in the new meeting house and drew up a constitution for a "Ladies Association," for the purpose of individual improvement, and to raise money to carry on the work of the church. In 1890 the name of the group was changed to "Ladies Aid" with the word "Alliance" added in 1919 when the group joined the National General Alliance. At this time the constitution and by-laws were revised, and the objectives of the society were "to promote a spirit of mutual sympathy and kindness, and to raise by contributions and industry a fund for useful and benevolent purposes." Now known simply as "The Alliance" it is the oldest organization in town other than the church itself.

Records in 1896 report that "The most active and helpful organization in the First Parish has been, as always, the Ladies Aid" and in 1927 Mrs. Enlo Perham, then President, said that the women had maintained the Alliance motto, to wit: "The success of any alliance is 10% opportunity and 90% intelligent hustle." And hustle they did; in 1927 the Alliance held all day sewing meetings for the Lowell Guild, gave a lawn party, a reminiscent social, church fair, halloween social, Christmas fair and play, served dinner and supper on town meeting day, and renovated the parsonage.

In the following years increased emphasis was placed on meetings with varied programs and speakers, and in 1933 when gas was brought into the building church suppers became a major activity. In 1940 the church held its first May Breakfast, which was subsequently made an annual affair. Until 1954 water for suppers and May breakfasts was carried from neighboring homes. Some church suppers were held in the town hall; covered dish suppers, Christmas parties, church fairs, and rug hooking and tray painting classes were held in the church.

Early treasurer's books indicate that the Alliance provided funds for any music used during the church service. This has been true through the years, and the arrangement continues at the present time. The Alliance has traditionally sent flowers, cards, and gifts on appropriate occasions, and has made a custom of donating suitable books to the library in memory of members and friends. In recent years the Alliance has donated to charities outside the community, among them The Joslin Camp for Diabetic Children, The Protestant Guild for the Blind, and following the Hungarian uprising money was sent through the Unitarian Service Committee to aid Hungarian Refugees.

In 1952 the Alliance paid the bills incurred in painting the interior of the church; in 1953 the floors were sanded, oiled, and waxed, a well drilled, and electric wiring replaced. In 1954 water was piped into the church, and a sink and stove were bought for the "kitchen" in the area where the stairway is now. In 1955 a new oil heating system was installed in the vestry and box pews; in 1956 outdoor lighting was installed.

More recently the Alliance has contributed heavily to the expenses of the new kitchen and meeting room, and has bought a refrigerator, steel sink, large gas range, dishes, stainless steel tableware, and kitchen utensils. Money for these has been earned by regular winter time church suppers, summer food sales, Christmas fairs, and a series of "record hops" held for young people from December through April of this year. Two years ago annual antique shows were undertaken, and these have proved very successful.

All these improvements have been accomplished by a small group of dedicated women and their equally hard working husbands who are also interested in the maintenance of the oldest church in the Town of Tynghborough as a vigorous influence in a growing community

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is hereby pronounced by mutual agreement, dissolved. Provided his dismissal be accompanied with a christian recommendation. Signed Nathaniel Lawrence By Samuel Lawrence." The other part reads; "Whereas by mutual agreement between Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence and his church and people, the pastoral relation which has for so many years subsisted between them is now dissolved between his particular Church, without affecting his liberty of the administration of public ordinances. We cordially recommend him to the Christian Community as a faithful evangelical Minister of the Gospel, praying God to be with him, to bless him, to render him and useful and profitable among the Churches and people wherever he may be placed by the providence of God. Signed for the Church and Parish. January 26, 1839 by Jonathan Howard, Asa Butterfield and Jeremiah Kendall."

The agreement evidently settled at last the problems of the Parish and the Rev. Lawrence. However the lesson was taken to heart and we find the following ministerial appointments carefully stated to the effect that "the connexion between him and the Parish at any time be dissolved after three months notice from either party to the other of their desire for dissolving the same."

The 18th Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution separating Church and Community legally went into effect on May 23, 1855. However on April 25th, 1840 it was "Voted that the money for the Rev. H. Wood's salary be raised by subscription instead of a tax.

The final action on the Constitution of the Church took place on the 29th of May, 1841 when the Parish voted to accept the offer of nineteen of its members to be assessed for an amount sufficient to pay the debts of the Parish which came to \$700. At this point in 1841 the Church settled down to a period of quiet routine.

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Over the past few years many improvements have been made. In 1952 the Church was painted. In 1952 a well was drilled giving an excellent water supply. A new heating system was installed in 1955. Outside lighting was added in 1956 and will now have to be redone because of the relocation of the highway. In 1957 the walls and floor of the basement meeting room were constructed and interior finishing has been continuing since.

The deaths this year of Miss Elise Parkhurst and Mrs. Hazel W. Lovering were great losses to the Church. They were among our most loyal supporters, and had won the love and respect of all the congregation.

Services are held regularly at 9:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings from September 1st to July 1st. Rev. Philip M. Larson, Jr. of Chelmsford continues as our Pastor. We have expanded our Sunday School and enlarged the curriculum to cover more individual age groups. Members meet on Sunday mornings for Services and Tuesday evenings for Church Work.

During the past year the physical work of the First Parish has been directed toward the completion of Sunday School and meeting space in the new basement. Although the interior work on the room has not been finished the space has been in constant use, having been used for Sunday School and church suppers throughout the winter. An antique show was held in the fall and a craft and antique show was held in conjunction with the Christmas Fair.

In the fall a series of record hops was established for the young people of the town. Dances were held for the 14-18 year age group and the 10-14 year age group once a month. Many church members and parents turned out to act as chaperones and to serve refreshments, which were provided by the women of the Alliance. These record hops proved to be as popular with parents and town officials as they were with the young people themselves. Although another group has begun holding record hops for the older group in the town hall, it is planned to continue holding dances for the younger ages as long as interest continues.

EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TYNGSBOROUGH

The first meeting prior to the organization of the church was held March 26, 1868 in the Town Hall.

It is quoted by "old timers" that the church tried to buy the Town Hall, but being unsuccessful in negotiations, the Congregational Building Society was formed and the church built.

The Creed of Congregationalism has never changed. As was the custom in 1868, so it is in 1959 — a covenant is signed by members as to belief and faith. The "Evangelical" is spreading the gospel outside which is part of the Creed. Communion service has never varied over the years—only by possibly rephrasing here and there.

Our present pastor is Dr. Thomas Barker, who just assumed pastorate April 12, 1959.

In 1868, the church was organized, and the first meeting was called by Mr. Lowry, who was asked to serve as pastor, but declined. In 1869, a call was extended to Mr. Charles S. Brooks. The church was to be known as "The Evangelical Church of Tyngsborough." There were twenty-three original charter members.

On October 5, 1872, it was voted to join the Andover Conference. The first parsonage was purchased in 1895.

The organ was purchased in 1898. New windows and memorial windows were purchased in 1907.

The parsonage was sold in 1909 and in 1910, the church was refinished and rededicated. New hard wood floors, new choir loft, organ set back in addition built, electric lights installed in place of lamps, new carpet in aisles and in pulpit and choir loft, new pews in place of settees, new slate roof and interior walls refinished.

In 1925, the Sunday School had grown to such proportions that it was necessary to build some place to accommodate the overflow. It was voted to excavate and build a basement under the Church for Church School purposes, for recreational activities and for suppers. The vestry was dedicated May 27, 1925.

In 1929, the organ was overhauled and equipped with an electric motor.

During the years the Sunday school and church membership has steadily increased.

The first parsonage was purchased from Mr. Reuben Sherburne in December, 1895 and sold in 1909 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Queen. The Church had been employing student-pastors who did not desire usually to live on the charge, or if they so desired, did not wish to go to the expense of occupying and maintaining an entire house.

In 1919, the Church decided it wished to employ a resident minister, and, if so, it would be necessary to purchase a parsonage. A house on the State Highway, owned by Mr. Albert Hadley was bought and Rev. C. J. Johnson was the first pastor to occupy it, Rev. Ralph T. Alton the last. This residence was used as a home for the various ministers until 1932, when it was deemed advisable to sell it and build a new parsonage on land adjoining the Church, purchased from Mrs. McLoon.

In 1940, a new electric organ was presented and dedicated in memory of Francena Sherburne.

In 1946, the Church was redecorated, and a divided chancel installed. Also in 1946, a new lectern was presented and dedicated in memory of Miriam Robeson.

On December 3, 1949, a dedication was held for the new enlarged basement. C. Adelbert Bell and a large committee worked on this project in spare time.

At the Annual meeting in 1950, it was voted the church be renamed thusly: "The Evangelical Congregational Church of Tyngsborough".

A new altar was presented and dedicated in memory of Raymond W. Sherburne, in 1955, and in 1958, a new pulpit was presented and dedicated in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Coles.

There are many other articles in the church, which are memorials to beloved departed members. The list is much too lengthy to enumerate them in detail here, but recognition of them is noted.

At great expense and much ensuing trouble, a new water supply was dug in 1955. It is now functioning again after much difficulty and more expense.

A new basement entrance was built in 1957. This eliminates using the narrow front stairs for the monthly baked bean suppers. These bean suppers have been held regularly for the past forty

years, on the third Saturday of each month.

Last but by no means least the latest addition and purchase the Church has made, is the Worcester House and land. The house is now accommodating the overflowing Sunday School, and in time the various groups of the Church hope to hold meetings there. Also in due time, when sufficient funds can be raised, a new parking facility will emanate.

The Church also permits a town nursery and kindergarten school to meet in the basement, which is considered a good community project.

In the history of the Church there have been 38 ministers including the new minister who has just assumed pastorate of the Church, and as is the case with all previous ministers, the hope is for further growth and expansion.

Most of the highlights have been touched, but the Church realizes and devoutly recognizes the many other incidents that have occurred in the years not mentioned.



The Ladies Social Circle

The Ladies Social Circle is an active organization in the Evangelical Congregational Church. It was founded during the pastorate of Miss Sarah Dixon who served the church from April 1897 to June 1905. The first president was Mrs. Martha Butterfield who with her husband, John Ayers Butterfield, lived where Mrs. Jennie Schulte now resides.

Through the years this group has worked very hard to raise money in various ways to aid the church financially. An all day meeting was held once a month at the home of one of the members. A dinner was served at noon until rationing came with World War II. Since then box lunches have been the rule. The morning session was given over to hand work. The afternoon was the business meetings when the activities were planned. This program is still in effect. The ladies sewed on quilts and tied them, made aprons, knitted and crocheted articles for their fairs. They have held fairs, food sales, suppers and entertainments besides other money making schemes to aid the church financially.

The Ladies Circle pledges a definite amount to the church each year and donates to many deserving causes such as the Polio Fund, Cancer Fund, Children's Medical Center, etc. Many worthy projects such as remodelling the kitchen and enlarging the vestry in the church, and painting the sanctuary have been financed by this group. Furnishing and upkeep of the parsonage was directed by the Circle for many years. The treasurer's books show a terrific amount of money earned and expended through the years.

Each year we send cards, flowers and gifts to shut-ins in the town at Easter and at Christmas and in times of sickness or sorrow.

Some of our present members have been active in the Ladies Circle for a number of years.

Officers for 1959 are as follows:

President—Mrs. Charles Coburn

Vice President—Mrs. Louise Downes

Secretary & Publicity—Mrs. Harvey Pineo

Treasurer—Mrs. Bertram Currier

Directresses—Mrs. Charles Haley, Mrs. Preston Fay, Mrs. Harvey Pineo

Remembrance—Mrs. Alfred Gustafson

The Ladies Social Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month except July and August usually at the homes of the members. We are pleased to have visitors at our meetings and to receive new members at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian W. Pineo
Secretary

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Mr. George Shipley	1960	Mrs. George Shipley	1960
Mr. Thomas Magarian	1961	Mrs. Thomas Magarian	1961

Village Improvement Association

"The first Tyngsborough V. I. A. of record was organized in 1844, probably on Arbor Day, for the purpose of promoting tree planting. Their work was well done and lasting, as we may see by looking at the (few remaining) elms they planted on the Town Common.

"We have little record of the doings of this group. One of the speakers at the Annual meeting of the V. I. A. in 1908, Mr. Henry T. Bailey of No. Situate, stated that probably this was the first village improvement association in the country.

"About 30 years later, or in 1875, a Young People's League was established to promote tree planting and otherwise beautify the town

"Our present V. I. A. was established in 1890, having the same aims as the two former associations.

"The founders of this society were men to whom the town should give everlasting thanks. They knew what a beautiful town they had and worked hard to keep it so.

"The V. I. A. projects since 1890 have given Tyngsborough many much needed and valued improvements, but . . . (an) outstanding accomplishment is that these men saw so clearly the simple and fundamental need of the town, COMMUNITY EFFORT, and taught it so well that the society they founded is now (69) years later, carrying on their teachings . . .

"Our second great accomplishment is the V. I. A. Annual. In this publication we are writing the history of the town . . ." in the words of the present, that all too soon are thought of as words of the past. These have proven to be not only reliable sources of fact but also glimpses of fond memories. The past issues of the V. I. A. Annuals have been in great demand, these past few months, in preparation for this Sesquicentennial.

The list of Officers, Executive Committees and members reads like a "Who's Who in Tyngsborough." They were and are people of vision, enthusiasm and tireless energy. You will find they have been active workers in many other organizations, they held all the various Town offices, they have worked and played with the youth of the Town.

It has always been the custom of the V. I. A. to publish and distribute the Annual at no cost to its members. This has been a worthy venture, and this issue is no exception. It is still a free copy to all members.

Down through the years its Officers and Executive Committee have geared the work of the V. I. A. to the needs of the times; from the early sidewalks to keep the foot travelers protected from the new horse-less carriage; gas street-lamps; the donation of the Playground and the Ball Park and also conducting an organized summer program for the children; to financially aiding other organizations in their much needed projects for the Town improvement; the annual clean-up days; spurring a concern among the townspeople for repairs, replacements, and renovations in the Town Hall.

At its December meeting in 1958, it was voted that the V. I. A. start proceedings for the appropriate celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town.

The V. I. A. has been the originator of many of the much needed improvements in the Town. It is not the purpose of the V. I. A. to complete a project for the Town, but to gain the community's interest and support in the project, so that when it is complete all will feel "we've done a good job."

(Quotations from an article by Franklin Hammond in the 1944 V. I. A. Annual)

Barbara H. Lambert
Clerk

Report of The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the V. I. A. was called to order by President Frank Herrmann, at 8:00 p. m. November 24, 1959 at the Tyngsborough Town Hall. The reading of the minutes was voted unnecessary. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Resignation of the Treasurer, Henry J. LaFrance was accepted with regret. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate, which was accepted and the clerk was directed to cast one ballot for: President, Ellis Hurst; 1st Vice President, Charles Derbabian; 2nd Vice President, Henry J. LaFrance; Clerk, Barbara H. Lambert; Treasurer, Earle R. Stratton; Auditor, Helen D. Betz; Executive Committee for three years, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magarian.

A page was set aside in the record in memory of: Horace G. Clarke, Cordelia E. Wilkins, Lena Goodchild, Elsie A. Parkhurst, John W. Lewis.

It was noted that the Town of Tyngsborough was Incorporated February 23, 1809, and that the next issue of the Annual should be a special 150th Celebration of the event. It was moved and seconded that "the Executive Committee make plans for the observation of the 150th anniversary, and see that such committees as necessary be appointed with other organizations of the town." It was so voted. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

The guest speaker of the evening was John P. Sullivan of the Division of Youth Service, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending

October 31, 1958

Analysis of Balance Nov. 1, 1958		
Savings Accounts		\$ 518.61
Checking Account		81.72
	Balance	600.33
Dues Paid	\$ 42.00	
Donations	.25	
Interest on Savings	14.04	
Receipts — Prior Years	4.00	\$ 60.29
Activities		\$ 660.62
Annual Supper		
Proceeds	29.25	
Expenses	44.05	
Annual Fair		
Tables	121.50	
Supper		
Proceeds	65.25	
Expenses	58.18	
Play		
Proceeds	125.00	
Expenses	12.00	
V. I. A. Annual		
Proceeds	140.50	
Expenses	433.71	
Total Net Loss—Activities		66.44
Projects		\$ 594.18
Annual Clean Up Day	48.00	
Christmas Tree Lighting	8.33	\$ 56.33
Total		\$ 537.85
Operating Expense		
Bank Service Charge		5.20
Balance Oct. 31, 1958		\$ 532.65
Analysis of Balance Oct. 31, 1958		
Lowell Institute for Savings	241.88	
Union National Bank—Savings	162.27	
Union National Bank—Checking	128.50	
Total		\$ 532.65

Respectfully Submitted
Henry LaFrance, Jr.
Treasurer

November 12, 1958

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and the cash balance as stated.

Helen D. Betz

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Tyngsborough Grange No. 222



On April 11, 1899 a man by the name of Fuller came to Tyngsborough, not selling brushes, but to organize a grange in Tyngsborough. Who sent him or who sent for him I do not know.

Mr. Fuller was deputy E. A. Fuller of North Andover, Massachusetts. He held several meetings in the lower town hall until 25 or more signed up to be charter members and then proceeded to organize Tyngsborough Grange #222, 60 years ago.

The Charter Members were:

1. Orrin Judson Atherton
2. John Newton Bodwell
3. Esther Ann Bodwell
4. Sarah Melvina Bliss
5. John Perham Coburn
6. Daniel Edward Cameron
7. Mrs. Rose Ann Cameron
8. John Edward Connors
9. Rev. James Danforth
10. Carolina Feducia Danforth
11. Delphia Swan Danforth
12. Henry John Keyes
13. Carrie Josephine (Hunter) Keyes
14. Lucian Croydon McLoon
15. Carrie S. McLoon
16. Arthur Randall Marshall
17. John MacDonald
18. Olive Ellen Plaisted
19. Henry Sherman Proctor
20. Lizzie Rolinda Proctor
21. Eliza Jane Perham
22. Leon Elodgett Perham
23. Charles Augustine Sherburne
24. Annette Maria Sherburne
25. Sarah Coburn Swallow
26. David Joseph Williams
27. Hannah Williams
28. Annie Elizabeth Woods

The Grange was started primarily as an Agricultural Group but over the years it has become interested in many worthwhile Community projects. Each year the State Grange asks all subordinate Granges to assist in raising money to be contributed to a worthy charity, this year a whist party was held by the Home and Community Service Committee and all money raised was turned over to the State Grange for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Another requirement of all Granges is that they have a Conservation and Bird Night, these programs are always looked forward to by the school children as prizes are given to them for going on Bird Walks and having bird houses at home, thus observing the birds ways and means of protection from their enemies. Essays are also written and prizes given for the best ones written on actual observation of birds habits.

We have sponsored the 4-H group and assisted in any way we can, there is always an Achievement Night where certificates, pins and other rewards for 4-H accomplishments have been displayed and judged. One of our members has been a faithful leader for quite a few years.

The Grange Fair each year is always looked forward to by all townspeople as a means of displaying their favorite hobbies, needlework, or their summer efforts in raising a garden of vegetables or flowers. At our Fair the 4-H always help with a display of their many projects. Prizes are awarded for all groups of displays.

Booster Night is a part of our program when new families of the town are invited to come to a Grange evening and see what the Grange stands for, at this meeting the Teachers are honored and both old and new Teachers are welcomed back to Tyngsborough.

The Educational Aid program is a means of letting the young people know the many opportunities opened to them for a higher education. Many of our young people have over the years availed themselves of this opportunity to further their education either by a loan or through a scholarship.

As in all organizations of this type we are always looking for new members. Anyone interested is cordially invited to get in touch with any of the officers or members for information.

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St. Joseph's Novitiate

The accompanying photograph is of one of the eight stained glass windows in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. It is the work of Mr. William R. Jack of Arlington, Massachusetts and the gift of the alumni of Hevey School in Manchester, New Hampshire. It represents Blessed Marcellin Champagnat who founded the Marist Brothers of the Schools in France in 1817. He is seen teaching boys from many lands, namely, the Near East, British Isles, Africa, Continental Europe and China.

Although Blessed Champagnat himself never realized his ambition of carrying his ministry to all these lands, his disciples who now number nearly 9,000 are engaged in the education of approximately 350,000 youths in all parts of the world. The international headquarters is presently located in southern France but will soon be transferred to Rome where construction of a magnificent edifice is now in progress. The order is divided into 37 provinces and conducts schools in 53 different countries.

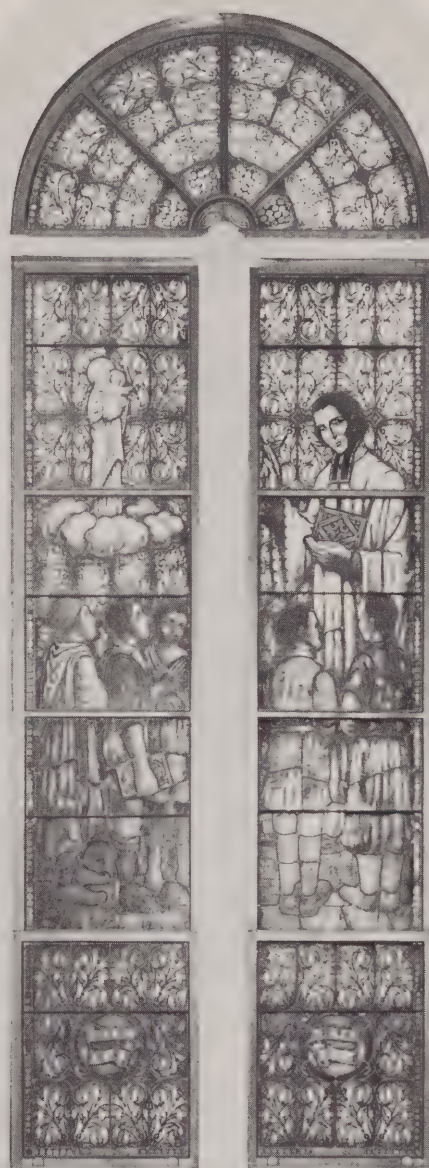
The Marist Brothers first came to the New World in 1885. Two years later a school was opened in Lewiston, Maine. Within a few years they staffed schools in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York State. Other schools were opened in Georgia, West Virginia, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. In 1907 a training center was founded in Poughkeepsie, New York. This became the headquarters of a separate autonomous province in 1911. As the membership has become too large in recent years, two new provinces have been established and are in the process of being organized. St. Joseph's will soon become the novitiate of the Poughkeepsie, New York province, while a separate novitiate will be founded for the Esopus, New York province there this coming September. At present young men who have graduated from high school enter St. Joseph's Novitiate in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, while those who are still in high school and have completed at least their freshman year enter Marist Preparatory in Esopus, New York.

At the Novitiate in Tyngsborough the new postulant becomes familiar with the practices of the religious life and follows courses in college subjects for one year. Upon donning the Marist habit the postulant becomes a novice and begins a year of intense spiritual training. During this time he studies the obligations that will be imposed upon him by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He learns the rules that will guide his life as a teaching brother. Shortly after pronouncing his first vows the young brother is transferred to the third step in his training—Marian College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

At Marian College prayer and work becomes his motto. PRAYER in the new circular chapel affords grace and strength to prepare properly for the task of education. In this atmosphere of serenity a hundred and fifty Scholastics daily pray the rosary and recite the office of Our Lady to win young souls to Christ. WORK consists chiefly in study and research. Periods of practice teaching and courses in education prepare the young teacher for actual classroom situations. Upon acquiring the B.A. degree the young brother receives his first teaching assignment. Studies towards the Master's or Doctor's degree are continued along the lines of the Brother's own tastes. He may eventually be assigned to missions in the Philippine Islands or Japan on a voluntary basis.

St. Joseph's in Tyngsborough was opened as a Juniorate or Preparatory Novitiate in 1923 with Brother Edmund Alphonse, F.M.S. as Director. In 1927 Brother Aloysius Mary, F.M.S. who had been in charge of construction and who is personally responsible for much of the artistic woodwork in the chapel such as the altars and the communion rail, became Director General. Upon Brother Aloysius's appointment as Principal of St. Joseph's school in Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1929, Brother Edmund once again took full charge. He was succeeded in 1935 by Brother Francis Regis, F.M.S. In 1938 Brother Joseph Albert, F.M.S. became both Director and Master of Juniors. Upon the expiration of his maximum six years of service he was succeeded by Brother Marcel Henry, F.M.S. From 1947 to 1949 Brother Joseph Damian, F.M.S. filled the same double post. It was at that time that St. Joseph's became a major novitiate while a second juniorate was established in Poughkeepsie, New York. Brother Philip Joseph, F.M.S. then became Director General and Brother Louis Omer, F.M.S. who is presently serving in a similar capacity in the Philippines was appointed Master of Novices. Upon the death of Brother Philip in 1951 Brother Pius Victor, F.M.S. became Director. The following year Brother Henry Charles, F.M.S. was appointed Director and Brother Pius became Master of Novices. The present Director of St. Joseph's Novitiate is Brother George Robert, F.M.S. who was appointed in August 1958 while Brother David Ottmar, F.M.S. is Master of Novices.

There are at present eighteen Marist Brothers on the perma-



nent staff of St. Joseph's Novitiate. The student body is composed of thirty one Novices and fifty one Postulants. One of its former teachers, Brother Anthony of Padua, F.M.S., who is this year celebrating fifty years as a Marist Brother, while stationed in St. Joseph's some years ago, did excellent research work on the Tyng Family in America. His book was published in 1956 by the Marian College press. On May 30 of this year was celebrated in the novitiate chapel a High Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the diamond jubilee of religious life of Brother Leo Camille, F.M.S., a member of the faculty since 1955. Two Marist golden jubilarians of the New England area were also honored on this occasion, namely, Brother Leo Anselm, F.M.S. of Central Catholic High School of Lawrence, Mass. and Brother Louis Mary, F.M.S. of St. Joseph's High School in Lowell, Mass. Reverend Leo Staves, O.M.I., the novitiate chaplain since 1952, was both celebrant and speaker at this celebration. In attendance were some fifty visiting Marist Brothers as well as nine former jubilarians who are at present in residence at St. Joseph's Novitiate and who have a combined 528 years of service in Marist religious life. These are: Brother Aloysius Mary, F.M.S. (65), Brother Leo, F.M.S. who was Marist Provincial Superior at the time of the purchase of the former Tyng Estate and at the opening of St. Joseph's in 1923. (63), Brother Paul Acyndinus, F.M.S. (61), Brother Leo Camille, F.M.S. (60), Brother Leo Hyacinth, F.M.S. (58), Brother Frederick Charles, F.M.S. (57), Brother Henry Bassus, F.M.S. (56), Brother Victor Tertullian, F.M.S. (56), and Brother Peter Anthony, F.M.S. (51).

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4H in Tyngsborough

At the turn of the century much interest was shown in the welfare and education of our children. The Tyngsborough Grange became active in Children's programs during this period and in June 1910, held an exhibition of industrial work by children of the town. In 1912 S. Howard Chace, School Superintendent, wrote in the V. I. A. annual; "The child no longer has to do chores and perform definitely assigned tasks as he once did. His contribution to the sustenance, comfort and welfare of the family is usually very small. Those forms of training once supplied by the home must now be supplied by the school Hence the demand for gardening, cooking, sewing, handwork in the public schools."

A potato club started in Hampshire county in 1908, was the first 4-H club and marked the start of 4-H in Massachusetts. By 1916 4-H had come to Middlesex county. That same year the Grange started their Junior Bird Club in the Winslow School. Through the years the Grange has continued to support many youth activities and today they also sponsor 4-H in Tyngsborough.

In the V. I. A. annual of 1920 we find the first mention of Boys and Girls club work in a report of Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics in Tyngsborough. Mentioned are pig, potato, poultry, garden, breadmaking, sewing, canning and home handicraft clubs. Quoting from the same source, in 1921; "An appropriation of funds for the bureau provided for the organization of boys and girls clubs, which were under the leadership of Miss Marie McPherson, who was employed for the purpose. Club agents held six meetings with young people, and visited with them two and three times at their homes. John Ekstrom won a two day trip to the State College for his high grade work during the summer. The Enrollment was as follows: canning 7, garden 9, potato 2, pig 3, corn 2" As the trend to suburban living increases we find the nature of the clubs are changing. While the agricultural clubs are still very much in evidence, today's clubs are leaning more toward sewing, citizenship, landscaping, bird clubs, woodworking and electrical clubs.

As the years passed we noticed that 4-H progressed a rocky road, going up and down I suspect, according to the interest of parents, leaders and Club Agents. The first actual 4-H report in the V. I. A. annual was in 1924, when Ora Pelletier and Elenor O'Hare wrote a prize winning composition entitled "The Busy Bee Club." This was a sewing club under the leadership of Miss Coburn. In 1932 we have the first mention of a Town Committee. A Town Committee is for the purpose of organizing, coordinating and promoting 4-H within the town. Around 1941 J. Kendall Bancroft became very active as a Leader and Chairman of the Town Committee an active interest which he continues today and which is greatly shared by members of his family.

In 1946, 4-H was re-organized by Claire V. Sargent and Dr. Winston Bostwick. That year there were 4 clubs but by 1950 only 2 clubs were active. At achievement night in 1950 the lack of interest by parents was a great disappointment. I notice that back in 1936 the same problem was in evidence and is still of some concern today. How to get the parents to attend 4-H functions for their children and to participate more in 4-H work. As I pursue the subject I find that the more interest shown in the parents by leaders and agents, the more response the parents show.

In 1953, Mrs. Ruth Boucher had the Handicraft Club and "Ed" Coughlin the Conservation Club. Rupert Stangroom became leader of the Conservation Club in 1956. Both these clubs have been very active since their inception and have projected themselves beyond the community so that, today, Tyngsborough 4-H Clubs are known throughout the county. The Conservation Club has been helpful to the town through projects such as the Fishing Derby, a conservation measure held for several years; building pheasant shelters and feeding the birds during the winter months, cleaning trout streams, conducting a Dutch Elm Disease survey and Arbor Day programs. Last year the club planted 4 maple trees on the town Common and this year they planted ornamental shrubs at the Lakeview School, assisted financially by the P. T. A. and the American Legion. The Handicraft Club has been of assistance to the Grange on numerous occasions.

Besides the Handicraft Club and the Conservation Club, a Dairy Club led by Mrs. Alice Lindvall; a sewing club led by Mrs. Marie Couture and a Citizenship Club led by Mrs. Callie Bancroft and Mrs. Helena Morrison have been started this year. The Dairy Club has held several interesting meetings and has, like the other clubs, attended several County meetings pertaining to their project. Beth Bancroft, club president, and also active in the Citizenship Club, has won several awards with her Ayrshire herd. The Citizenship Club was organized by the 4-H Teenage members of Tyngsborough, Dracut and Dunstable. With its goal



of community service and recreation, the club shows great promise and already has been busy holding an Arbor Day program in Dracut. Two Maple trees, donated by Mr. John Collier, and prepared by the Conservation Club, were planted in front of the Dracut Library. The newest club is the Sewing Club group and judging by the members' enthusiasm this should be a very active club. With only two meetings they already have items made for display at the forthcoming Achievement Night.

A Town Committee, reorganized last Fall, has Mr. and Mrs. J. Kendall Bancroft, Mrs. Alice Lindvall, Mr. Martin Brick, Mr. Carkin and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Stangroom as members. This active committee has done much in the past few months to promote 4-H. At the Northern Section Leaders Banquet in January, a group comprised of Leaders from the Northern towns of Middlesex County, Mrs. Bancroft was elected President and Rupert Stangroom, Secretary. At this same meeting Mrs. Ruth Boucher was awarded her pin for 5 years of club leadership. Both Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Stangroom are assisting at the 4-H County Fair this year as committee men, helping again to strengthen the name of Tyngsborough 4-H in the county.

No report on 4-H would be complete without mentioning Martin Betz, Joseph Brick and J. Whitney Bancroft of the Conservation Club. These boys, former officers of the club, have been instrumental in the enviable record of the club. All three boys have won Soil and Water Conservation and Forestry medals for outstanding achievement. A forestry demonstration area at the 4-H Fair Grounds in Westford, largely through the efforts of Whitney, stands as a tribute to the work of these boys. Joe Brick, now with the U. S. Air Force, finds his 4-H training of invaluable help in his work as a grounds improvement man. Whitney Bancroft, last year's winner of the Hall Citizenship Trophy at the 4-H County Fair, and a State and National Forestry winner, is presently attending the University of New Hampshire on a scholarship won through his 4-H work. Last fall Whitney lead the combined 4-H Clubs in a music program entitled "Youth Sings," proceeds of which went to start a fund for a 4-H Center in town.

We look forward to continued success and hope that 4-H can play an ever increasing part in making its members finer citizens and the community a better place in which to live.

R. E. Stangroom, Leader

4H Handcraft Group

Our group which comprises 30 children, both boys and girls, worked on projects every Tuesday during June, July and August at the town Hall.

Their work consisted of Textile painting, stenciling both trays and furniture, lampshades, Heirloom Wreaths and flower arrangements.

The girls did favors and 4 table settings for Grange meetings.

They exhibited at Grange fair in September and won many ribbons, also had a sales table of things they made and turned over \$26.00 to the Grange, who so kindly sponsored them.

At the Minute-Men-Crafts exhibit in June their work was judged and they also won ribbons there.

At the New Hampshire 4-H Leaders Convention at Crockett Mountain their work was also honored.

I want to thank all the children as they worked very hard all summer to get to the top.

Mrs. Ruth Boucher
Leader

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Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of Tyngsborough were organized in 1924 with Mrs. Anna Shipley as leader. They were divided into platoons of eight girls with one corporal for each platoon. Quoting from the "V. I. A. Annual" of 1925:

"Council Committee, Mrs. Chester Queen; Chairman, Miss Marion Bennett; Assistant Leader, Mrs. Harry McPheeters."

"The Scouts are held to a certain promise, and they try to live up to specified laws. Some of the things they study are Household Duties, Nature Study, Woodcraft, Bird and Animal Lore, Knot-tying, First Aid, and Signalling. We want to be of general help to those in need. The girls are rewarded for their work by merit badges. Each girl has earned part of her uniform. We have done some hospital aid work, such as sewing, making paper hats and decorating paper bags for favors."

The first Troop Committee members were Mrs. Chester H. Queen, Chairman; Mrs. Frederick Lambert, and Mrs. Raymond Sherburne. The following girls were the first Scouts in Troop 1:

Irene Mitchell, Patrol Leader	Natalie Davis
Olive Littlehale, Patrol Leader	Mary McGrath
Delma Brown, Corporal	Elizabeth Thomas
Madeline Blaine, Corporal	Bertha Jordan
Irene Malo, Secretary	Iverna Young
Mildred Mitchell, Treasurer	Helen Brown
Margaret Davis, Flag Bearer	Virginia Allgrove
Jessie Marriot, Color Guard	Ruth Wilkins
Florence Thomas, Color Guard	Ruby Mottram
Flora Brown	Madeline Dunning
Catherine Collier	



The Brownie Pack in Tyngsborough was started in the winter of 1925. In May, 1926, the following girls were registered: Grace Barton, Esther Wilkins, Frances Clarke, Barbara Connell, Dorothy Dunning, Rita Stone, Helen Bell, Helen Woodward, Eleanor Sherburne, Elizabeth Keyes, Blanche Russon, Harriet Dolan, and Ethel Brown, and Ruth Wilkins was "Tawny Owl."

Miss Bessie Norris, Brown Owl of the early troop shares with us some of her happy memories:

"Along in the nineteen thirties when I worked with the Brownies, we had some delightful times. Each week the meeting started with an opening ceremony of forming a circle around a "toad-stool" made from a short stand topped by an inverted wooden chopping bowl. We then said together the Brownie Laws which stressed "Lend a Hand" and "Play the Game," sang songs, and each member told of some good deed she had done through the week.

"The ring then broke up to do something active, usually based on imagination—and how they could imagine! It might be an original dramatization of a Brownie Law, or it might be a game which would emphasize co-ordination or a good health rule, such as:—Two chalk lines on the floor represented a brook in which were chalk-lined stones. Each must cross the brook by means of the stepping stones. If one fell in, she must go to a corner which was home and get into dry clothes. The whole game seemed very real to them, and how sorry they were if one "fell in."

"They made special holiday remembrances for Dad and Mom or for children in the hospital. This brought them much happi-



ness, which reflected in their faces. These expressions are still a golden treasure to me."

"Are Brownies worth while? Yes, indeed! They make a start toward good sportsmanship and the many fine characteristics which count for so much in life, especially the ability to get along with others. Nothing can be more important to a young life than these, to my way of thinking."

Mrs. Clarence Morton, an Intermediate Leader for many years gives us a picture of the Girl Scouts of today:

"In the past ten years, the Girl Scouts have grown from one troop of thirty girls to eight troops of one hundred fifty girls—four Brownie Troops, three Intermediate Troops, and one Senior Troop. The leadership and program offered to the girls have been of such excellent caliber that many of the girls have been Scouts for nine years, progressing from Brownies to Intermediate Scouts to Senior Scouts."

"The Brownie program, centered on the theme of "working together," consists largely of games and crafts."

"The Intermediates are offered a democratic program of self-government implemented by the patrol system; an ethical program, exemplified by the Scout Laws and Promises; and a program of developing skills offered in the one hundred merit badges."

"The Senior program emphasizes community service and the application and use of skills acquired as Brownies and Intermediate Scouts."

During the present Scout year the girls participated in the Council-wide Cookie Sale, which makes possible the camping facilities the girls can enjoy at the day camps and established camp. Plans are now underway for a Neighborhood Rally to be held at the Tyngsborough Country Club.

The very successful Girl Scout program in Tyngsborough did not just happen. Nearly a hundred adults have given time and talent over the years to make our Girl Scouting what it is. At present, there are over thirty adult Girl Scouts.

"The Girl Scout organization is dedicated to helping girls develop as happy, resourceful individuals, willing to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, their country, and the world."



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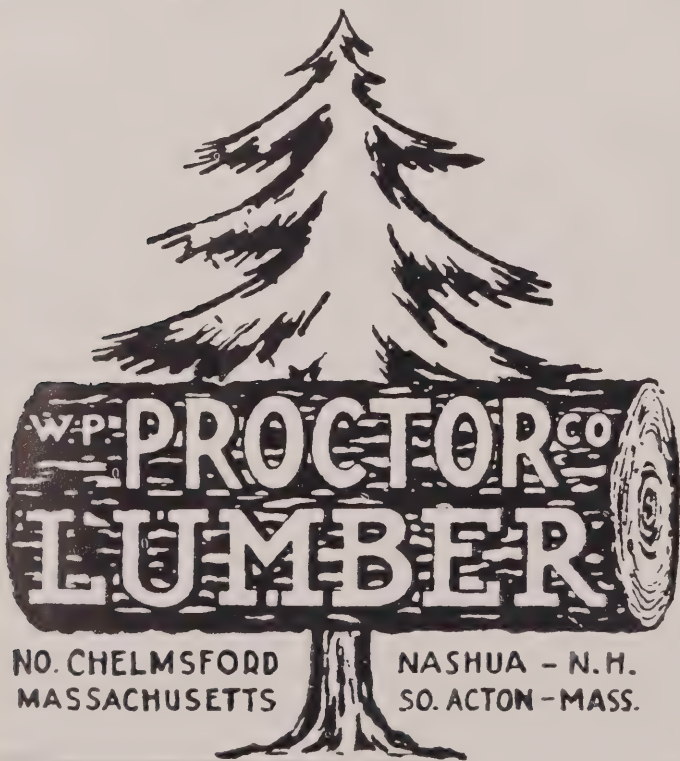


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Baseball in Tyngsborough

The cry "Play Ball" has sounded in the Town of Tyngsborough, for organized ball teams since 1922, when Horace Clarke managed the old town team, with such stars as Charlie Lorman, Arthur Cumming, Leo Pelletier, Max Sherburne, Charlie Coburn, Edgar Berling and Cy Dorsey who played the top clubs of New England, at the old Martin Luther ball grounds.

There are many fond memories of Miss Norris, the manager, a few years later with Bill Landry, also Leo Boucher, Joe Gotham, the Simmes brothers and Ed Landry.

Then came the reign of "Uncle Toot" Wilkins and the team that claimed Joe Bomal, Russ Hughes and Eddie Gaudette (two of the best pitchers around these parts). "Uncle Toot's" interest and enthusiasm lasted until his death in 1957.

Other players remembered on his early teams were Kennie Porter, George Bell, Bob Lorman and Dick Singleton, later Stubb Cobleigh, Russ Sherburne and Ski Bell. This outstanding team, called the "Terriers," was sponsored by the Liquor Dealers Association.

The first "Little League" was organized in town in 1954 and had the support of business men and townspeople alike, spurred by the efforts of Mrs. Mae Flanders and Mrs. "Midge" Landry in providing uniforms and equipment.

In 1955 the interstate "Little League" was organized, Bill Landry of Tyngsborough. Tony Clalada of Littleton, Jimmy Wilson of Ayer, Tom Bedard of Pelham and Mrs. O'Toole of Pepperell.

The "Tigers" were the first organized "Little League" team in Tyngsborough, and in 1955 this team brought the first championship colors to town. The lineup was as follows, Dick Singleton, Jr. (CF), Bill Landry, Jr. (3b), Ray Mercier (C), Ben Crowley (P), Tommy Coyle (LF), Dave Cobleigh (2b), Bob Gray (SS), Richard Illg (RF), Roger Souland (P), Billy Shaw (2b), (P), Walter Ryan (RF), Bob Cote (sub.), Davy Allen (2b). The first official scorer was Michael Kilosky, the umpire in chief was Dick Singleton, Sr., the base coaches were Horace Clarke and Joe Souland and Bill Landry was manager. The "Tigers" were undefeated in 1956.

In 1957 the "Babe Ruth League" was organized under the name "Pirates," and the "1955 champion Tigers" were the first "Babe Ruth" team in Tyngsborough, being Co-champions with the "Dracut Yankees." Also in 1957 the "Little League Tigers" finished in second place, that year, managed by Sonny De Francisco.

Both the "Tigers" and the "Pirates" won championships in the "Interstate League" in 1958.

This year also saw the beginning of a girl's softball team which went undefeated through the season. Their coaches were Mrs. Kenneth Porter and Mrs. Edward McInerney. The 1959 softball team lineup was as follows; Linda Landry, Karen Flanders, Joyce Flanders, Ann Kirby, Pauline Bergeron, Ronnie Gavlik, Joan Alexa, Nancy Alexa, Gloria Souland, Ruth Gray, Joyce Singleton, Sandra Singletary, Diane Porter, Linda McInerney, and Miriam Stone.

In 1957 the Tyngsborough Athletic Association was formed with the following officers; Bill Landry, President; Henry LaFrance, Treasurer; Alphonse Mercier, Secretary; Directors were George Bell, Joe Souland, Phil Gauthier and Sonny De Francisco.

(Written from information compiled by "Bill" Landry, Pres. of the Tyngsborough Interstate League.)



Baseball Fifty Years Ago



Parent-Teacher Association

1924

35th Anniversary

1959

The main object of the P. T. A. is to bring the home and the school into closer contact, each aiding the other to a better understanding of the individual child. The realization that this association deals with an important partnership problem has been gradually spreading into public consciousness and finding a deepened interest in the basic principle that education is the chief business of the nation. Interests are in many areas, the children, schools, good health and the community, the programs have reflected this from the beginning of P. T. A. up until today.

The Parent-Teacher Association was started in Tyngsborough in 1924 with 25 members and Mrs. Frederick Lambert its first president.

35 years later the Tyngsborough P. T. A. of the Lakeview and Winslow school met on the first Tuesday of each month, except in January. The meetings are very well attended by both parents and all teachers. We are able to see all the teachers in their rooms before each meeting and this has been most helpful and appreciated.

The Officers for the year are:

President—Mr. George Woodsum
Vice President—Mrs. George Warley
Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Magarian
Treasurer—Mrs. Albert Chouinard

Committees

Program—Mrs. Robert D. Lambert, Mrs. Bowers Fuller, Mrs. Valmos Stone, Chairman
Hospitality—Mrs. Raymond Knisley, Mrs. Raymond Knisley, Jr., Chairman
Membership—Mrs. Robert Molleur, Mr. Fred Morrison
Publicity—Mr. George Shipley
Bicycle Safety—Mr. Rupert Stangroom
Auditing—Mrs. R. De Carteret, Mrs. George Bell, Mr. Fred Morrison, Chairman

The theme for the program this year is "The Guiding Missile."

October—Discussion on Helping School Children with their homework

November—Launching A Successful Young Financier

December—Christmas Program put on by the Lakeview and Winslow students under the direction of Mr. Starkey, principal

February—This Is Your P. T. A. — 35th Anniversary

March—Report on The Mid-Winter Conference in Boston

April—Future Needs of Tyngsborough Education

May—Installation of new officers and reception for Miss Wylie

A special program was planned for the 35th Anniversary of the P. T. A. in February. The program for the evening was; National congress of Parents and Teachers 1897-1924—Mrs. Raymond Wilkins "This Is Your Life—Tyngsboro P. T. A." Written and staged by; Mrs. Bowers Fuller, Mrs. Robert Lambert. Narrators: Mrs. Warren Riley, Mr. George Woodsum

"Our P. T. A. and the Future"

Mrs. Valmos Stone
Webber-Fiske Teacher Training Scholarship—Mrs. Forest Ames
Cutting the Birthday Cake—Mrs. Frederick Lambert, first president of the P. T. A.

The organization started with 25 members and this year there are 347 members, all teachers are members and attend every meeting. P. T. A. is open for membership to any one interested in P. T. A. activities.

The organization this year is giving an encyclopedia set to an outstanding graduating student of the Winslow School, has purchased two globes, one for each school, a 72 cup coffee urn for the organization, and four (4) National Parent-Teacher magazine and two (2) Mass. Parent-Teacher magazine. These magazines are available to the members each month through the librarian. Miss Harris, and \$10.00 was donated for shrubs to be planted at both schools by the 4-H.

At the April meeting a most interesting discussion on the "Future Needs of Tyngsborough Education" was given by Mr. Starkey, principal, Mr. Sanders of the School Committee, Dr.

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The aim of the Academy is to send forth young Christian women fired with enthusiasm for all that right living demands. The N. D. A. girl must be of high calibre to meet the challenge that she will face in life. "Ad Altiora," the motto of the Academy, gears the student to attain this goal. Students are trained not only in the branches of study required in standard secondary schools but also in the more important knowledge of Christian faith and conduct. Education begins in the Primary Grades and continues through Grammar and High School levels. In the Academic department there are varied courses, such as General Course and College Preparatory Course—both of which will prepare the student for College; the Secretarial Course for those preparing for a business career. The Fine Arts—music and painting—are encouraged.

From the moment the lumbering yellow busses chug up the driveway on a golden September morn—the first day of the school year—till June when the "dear old golden rule days" have left their memories, N.D.A. is buzzing with activity. Bacon says, "Studies serve for delight" and so students at the Academy immediately delve into the seemingly unfathomable orations of Cicero, the intricacies of Algebra and Geometry, the refinement of "la

belle langue francaise;" they dabble in Chemistry and Biology or keep their typewriters clicking away.

Entertainment, too, has its own place here. Almost first in the season is the happy occasion when daughter dresses as never before, for she is to take Daddy out to dinner at her school. For Daddy, this is an unforgettable evening. Ring Day is a memorable one for the Seniors when they receive the blue gem set in gold, pledge of love and loyalty to N.D.A. Christmas Play, Senior Play, Glee Club Concerts, processions and picnics all follow one another in rapid succession, each one claiming its proper importance in the lives of these students.

Since all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and maybe Jill a dull girl, the beautiful acreage with its pine groves, hills and lake offers its advantages to keep alive in its students that healthful glow. In the spring and fall months swimming and boating, tennis, volleyball, softball and basketball fill the free hours after classes. As the winter months settle over Tyngsborough, the snow-mantled hills and frozen pond and lake lure all—despite zero weather!

Because the students at the Academy of Notre Dame are so favored with such beauty is it any wonder that at the sight of their Alma Mater they spontaneously break forth into their school song—

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President—Alan Sherburne
Vice President—Robert Clarke
Secretary—George Bell
Treasurer—Norman Sherburne

Organized twenty-five years ago with four teams: Coburn's Poultry Farms, Sherburne's Mill, Perham & Queen's Store, and the Tyngsborough Fire Department. The league expanded a few years later to six teams as it is now.

Six bowlers from the original four teams are still active in the league: Charles Coburn, Maxwell Sherburne, Norman Sherburne (treasurer of the league since it started.), Charles Derbabian, Arthur Cumming, and George Bell.

The league teams this past season were: Clover Farm, Coburn's, Duff's, Legion, Sherburne's and Woods Corner, and the Woods Corner team won the championship.

The other five teams are saying, "Wait 'till next year."

George Bell

Industrious Club Yearly Report

As I look back, right after the Middlesex County extension service held their last meeting on June 2, 1932, The Industrious Club took over and held their first meeting on June 16, 1932. 11 members present. The officers were the following, President Lottie Haley; Vice President, Addie Perham; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. Herbert Hodgeman.

There were 36 members then, but some have died and some have moved away so now we have 30 members. We did sewing and knitting sweaters for the Army then and since. When there isn't anything outside to do, they all work on their own things.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month. We usually meet at the different members' homes.

The officers are

President—Louise Downs
Vice President—Lillian Pineo
Sec. & Treas.—Ethel Sargent

There are no dues, but we take up a floral collection, and send cards to the sick, also to several organizations like Red Cross, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital etc. We are always glad to have visitors, also any new members gladly received.

Ethel M. Sargent
Secretary & Treasurer

Tyngsborough Cribbage League

President—Webster D. Hill
Vice President—Frank D. Parker
Secretary—George A. Bell
Treasurer—Henry J. LaFrance

The league was organized in 1958 and completed its first season's play this past spring.

Twelve two-man teams made up the league and when the six-month schedule was completed the team of George Abdallah and Joseph Levasseur emerged undisputed champions.

Individual prizes were awarded to Fred A. Choate and Webster D. Hill for holding twenty-nine hands, the rarest and highest hand in the game.

Two very successful banquets were enjoyed by the league, one halfway through the season and one after the season closed.

Anyone interested in joining the league for next season's play should contact President Hill before September 15.

George Bell



Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club Inc.

This Organization was founded in the Fall of 1938 by a group of local citizens to promote better fishing and hunting conditions. The charter members were, Arthur Wilbur, John Murray, Edward Clement, Leo and Ralph Pelletier, Guy Constantine, Sr., James Adams, Andrew Dunlap, Malcolm (Pat) Parrish and Joseph O'Hare.

The first meetings were held in an old garage owned by Thomas Goodchild situated on the banks of the Merrimack River on Pawtucket Blvd. Later a few meetings were held in the basement of Raymond Forrest home located in the center of Town and now occupied by the George Woodsum's

The Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club was Incorporated on January 14, 1942 and in the Summer of 1945 the first clubhouse was built on a three acre lot owned by the Town and located on Westford Road. Permission was given to the Club to build by the Selectmen with the option of the Club buying the land. This land was bought from the Town on May 12, 1947. Later on March 25, 1954 an additional 47 acres was bought from the Town, this land abutted the first 3 acres. Another 3 acres was later purchased from Richard Dupras, this land which is located across Westford Road from the clubgrounds was acquired for the purpose of additional parking space and for the propagation of wild hares.



The Club in 1956 dredged a 1/2 acre basin located on its property for a trout pool. This has been a great asset to the Club and has added much to the enjoyment of the members. This pool is considered one of the most natural trout pools in New England.

Last year the Club broke ground for a new clubhouse to accommodate the ever increasing membership and open house will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13, 1959.

The Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club Inc. is now boasting of a membership of over 250 members and is affiliated with the following organizations, Middlesex County League, Conservation Now and the Massachusetts Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

The present officers are:

President—Howard Russell
Vice President—Shirley Wyman
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The Post has had a very active and moving year. Membership in the Post has grown at a steadily increasing rate under the membership committee headed by Sr. Vice Commander John Joy.

Documents, which will in time become important in the historical files of the American Legion, have been turned over to the Post from the estate of the late Charles A. Gregoire, of Coburn road.

Included in the papers are letters from Mr. Gregoire to the state and national departments of the Legion relative to the original charter. This was granted, according to the Gregoire papers, March 29, 1939, with Mr. Gregoire taking a prominent part in the organizational meetings. He was also a charter member.

The Post was first organized as the Tyngsborough American Legion Post. The name was later changed to Robert D. Pelletier Post 247, to honor the name of a local veteran killed in battle during World War II. Many of the early records have been lost and the papers of Mr. Gregoire became doubly valuable to help fill in the gaps of the Post's history.

On May 12th over 250 visitors were on hand for impressive dedicatory ceremonies conducted by the Post as it officially opened its new home. Honored guests included Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, Senator Edward J. DeSaulnier and State Representative Vernon R. Fletcher. Selectmen Edward H. O'Connor conveyed the greetings and best wishes of the town government, and Selectman John W. Lewis was also present. PC Earle R. Stratton was master-of-ceremonies. DVC George K. Walker, who delivered the dedicatory speech, traced the history of the post since its organization in 1939, and the mark it has left on the community. DVC Walker pointed out that the acquisition and furnishing of the new building is not the end of the local Post's effort, rather it can be a means to increase local interest in the objectives of the American Legion.

High Legion officials were present from Bristol, Hampden, Essex and Middlesex counties. The Legion auxiliary was represented by Miss Ann Meledy, of Waltham, director of the Middlesex county council of auxiliaries and Miss Genevieve Bucker, a member of the national executive committee.

During the ceremony a large wooden key decorated with a gold ribbon was turned over by Victor Illg, building committee chairman, to Commander John Mackey. This was symbolic of the transfer of custodianship to the post. Commander Mackey had the badge of office pinned on his blouse by DVC George K. Walker during the ceremony.

Always taking an active interest in sports and recreation, the Post has recently activated a Recreation Committee, with Comrade Joseph Soulard as chairman. Present plans anticipate a lively program for the months ahead.

The Post has again been represented on several County Committees and Comrade Earle Stratton has for the fourth year been given an appointment on a national level.

Child welfare, a major interest of the National American Legion, has been supported on a local level by the Post. Through the efforts of Past Commander Starkey a medal for citizenship was awarded to the outstanding boy in the Winslow School graduating class of last year. The medal will be awarded annually. The Post assisted in the 4-H Arbor Day program this year, when shrubs were planted at the Lakeview School.

Comrade Magoon was instrumental in obtaining for the Post a flag which had flown over the White House in Washington, D. C. It was presented to the Post by Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers. The flag was first raised at the Post home on Veterans Day.

Again this year the Post will take an active part in the Memorial day exercises. It is responsible for the maintenance of flags on Veterans' graves.

Present officers for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Commander—John Mackey
Senior Vice Commander—John Joy
Junior Vice Commander—George Abdallah
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American Legion Auxiliary Unit #247

Officers:

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On September 26, 1946 a group of women gathered for the purpose of forming an Auxiliary to Post 247 Tyngsborough. There were 12 women present, some of these women are still faithful workers. Those present.

Mrs. Bertha Knight	Mrs. Marjorie Dupuis
Mrs. Ethel Ahearn	Mrs. Pauline Wilbur
Mrs. Rita Jordan	Mrs. Ethel Dupuis
Miss Ruth Lorman	Mrs. Gertrude LaFrance
Mrs. Dorothy Jordan	Mrs. Anna Cobleigh
Mrs. Hazel Lorman	Mrs. Eva Jordan

The following Officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Bertha Knight
Treasurer—Mrs. Ethel Ahearn
Secretary—Mrs. Marjorie Dupuis

It was voted that dues were to be \$2.00 for each member. It was voted that at the next meeting, October 10, 1946, to elect the remaining officers.

Vice President—Mrs. Gertrude LaFrance
Chaplain—Mrs. Eva Jordan
Historian—Mrs. Daisy Wilkins
Sgt. at Arms—Mrs. Dorothea Jordan

It was decided to contact all eligible for membership. On January 9, 1947, Mrs. Gertrude LaFrance was appointed Chairman of Membership Committee, her assistants to be Mrs. Mary Flanders, and Mrs. Eva Jordan. The Auxiliary has grown very fast and now has 38 paid up members.

This year Unit 247 American Legion Auxiliary has had a very successful year. They have sent a girl to Girl's State, the person to be sent has to qualify with high marks.

We have also donated to the Red Cross, March of Dimes, United Fund and Cancer Fund.

We have had many projects this year which through the co-operation of its members and the sincere guidance of our President Mae Carter have been very successful.

We donated a basket to a needy family in town at Thanksgiving. A turkey was donated by a citizen who wished to be anonymous. We also donated a basket at Christmas time with a turkey from the same party.

We also collected money and with it Mrs. Starkey and Mrs. Knight, our Chairmen of Community Service bought toys and gifts for a deserving family in town.

We have also paid for a hot lunch for a child at the Lakeview School each week.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored a dance at Bedford Hospital, also bought 62 gifts for veterans at Christmas and donated numerous books and magazines.

We also collected used clothing for needy children and families all over the country wherever need was greatest. Eight bags of about 200 lbs were collected.

Poppy Day was held in May. These Poppies are made by Veterans at Bedford for which they are paid one and a half cents

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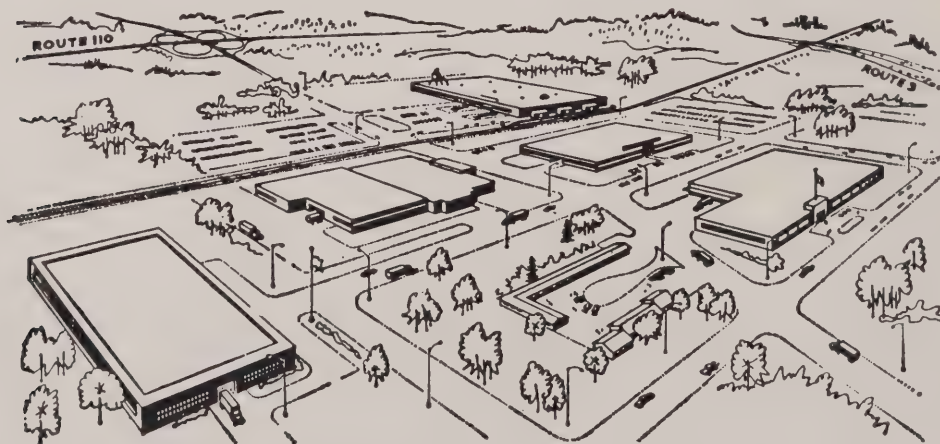
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Sesquicentennial Program

JUNE 12, 13, 14, 1959

FRIDAY

June 12, 1959

YOUTH DAY

For all students of Lakeview and Winslow Schools

11:00 A. M. OFFICIAL OPENING OF SESQUICENTENNIAL

FLAG RAISING WINSLOW SCHOOL
BAND CONCERT

American Legion Band of Dracut

12:00 P. M. PICNIC LUNCH

1:00 P. M. AFTERNOON OF SPORTS

8:00 P. M. "THE SINGING FRESHMAN" LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

A Musical Comedy in Three Acts

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Graduating Class

Assisted by

The Seventh Grade

THE CAST

HENRY	}	RONALD LORD	
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BILL		Upper-Classmen	DAVIS PYLE	
JASPER		ARTHUR PROVOST	
STEWART	}	ROBERT COTE	
JESSIE		}	ANN GUILMETTE
MARY			Co-eds	RUTHANN JORDAN
MARIE			RONNIE GAVLIK
SAM, Upper-classman Who Stutters		. . . . .	DANIEL KELLY
THE DEAN, Dean of the College		. . . . .	BRIAN SANFORD
POP, Owner of the College Hang-out		. . . . .	PETER SILVA
ZANZIBAR, Protectorate of the Princess		. . . . .	CORLISS LAMBERT
GORDON, The Singing Freshman		. . . . .	EMILE PAQUETTE
ZINITA, Princess of Magonia		. . . . .	MARLENE POULIN
ROBBER, A "Fake" Hold-up Man		. . . . .	EDWARD GOTHAM

Setting: Pop's College Hang-out

Time: ACT I . . . Opening of College

ACT II . . . One Month Later

ACT III . . . Graduation

CHORUS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ronald Albert	Paul Brick	Wesley Day-Lewis	Donald LaRochelle
Maureen Anderson	Charlotte Clarke	Joyce Evans	Joyce LaRochelle
Alfred Bauer	Stephen Collins	Paul Gilinson	Richard Marinel
Lorraine Bergeron	Thomas Connor	Beatrice Hatfield	James Murray
Joanne Bonin	Douglas Constantine	Mary Hughes	Michael O'Hare
Nancy Bowles	Barbara Corkum	Cheryl Keyes	Gloria Soulard
			Victor Stone

CHORUS OF WAITRESSES (Seventh Grade)

Doris Gilson	Sandra Smith
Elizabeth Griffin	Janet Soulard
Judith Jankowski	Donna Wilkins
Anne Kirby	

CHORUS OF WAITERS (Seventh Grade)

Russell Dunning	Chester Price
Kenneth Gavlik	Spencer Riley
George Gauthier	Edward Sundberg
Edmund Lausier	

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Harold Bell III	Webster Hill	Ronald Maynard	Paul Soulard
William Haritas	Albert Lescard	Walter Maynard	

ORDER OF MARCH
for
Sesquicentennial Parade

Grand Marshal — JAMES A. DINGLE
Assistant Marshal — ROBERT J. DINGLE

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DIVISION I

COLOR GUARD

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNIT Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford
"MISS LOWELL" Tyngsboro Veterans, World War I, Lowell "40 & 8" Locomotive

DIVISION II

COLOR GUARD

United States Naval Reserve

NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD

Lowell Units

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

DIVISION III

TYNGSBOROUGH POLICE DETAIL

Chief Harold L. Pivrotto

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN OFFICIALS

VISITING SELECTMEN

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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BATON TWIRLERS

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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FORMER TYNGSBOROUGH SELECTMEN

DIVISION IV

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Tyngsboro

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GIRL SCOUTS, TROOPS 29, 80, 118, 208

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4-H CLUBS OF TYNGSBOROUGH

Mr. Rupert Stangroom, Leader

TYNGSBORO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mr. William Landry, President

Babe Ruth League

Girls' Softball Team

Little League

Inter-state Farm Club League

DIVISION V

ST. LOUIS OF LOWELL — Twirlers

ST. LOUIS OF LOWELL BAND

ORGANIZATION FLOATS

TYNGSBOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert G. Duff, Chief

Assistant Chief—Arthur Bell; Captains—Donald A. Rand, Robert Lorman

Lieutenants: Earl Davis, Raymond Wilkins, Richard Singleton, Joseph F. Knight, Jr.

VISITING FIREMEN

GOLD CROSS AMBULANCE

Sesquicentennial Program

SATURDAY

June 13, 1959

- 10:30 A. M. **PARADE** Grand Marshal, James A. Dingle
Route: From Kendall Road—across Bridge—Frost Road
Disperse at "Robinson's Grove"
- 12:00 Noon **Lunch for visiting Firemen, Bands and Police**
Served at Robinson's Grove
- 12:30 P. M. **EXHIBITION** — Lowell Under-water Skin Divers
(at Robinson's Beach)
- 1:00 P. M. **EXHIBIT OF ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES**
- 1:30 P. M. **FIREMEN'S MUSTER** Chairman—Robert G. Duff
1. Wet Hose Race — 8 man team—1st Prize \$20.00; 2nd Prize \$10.00
2. Dry Hose Race — 8 man team—1st Prize \$20.00; 2nd Prize \$10.00
3. Water Polo — 5 man team—1st Prize \$25.00; 2nd Prize \$10.00
- 2:00 - 4:00 **OPEN HOUSE** Winslow School
- 2:00 - 4:00 **OPEN HOUSE and SILVER TEA** . . . Home of Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert
*Exhibits of historical interest displayed in the rooms of an 1803
mansion-type home.
- 1:00 - 5:00 **OPEN HOUSE** Littlefield Library
7:00 - 9:00 Librarian — Miss Lena Coburn
Assistant Librarians: Mrs. Wentworth H. Allen, Mr. John E. Barr
*Historical exhibits.
*Arranged by Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society,
Mrs. Franklin Hammond, Custodian
- 8:00 P. M. **SESQUICENTENNIAL GRAND BALL** Lakeview School
(Costumes are optional — — Prizes)
Grand Ball Committee — P. T. A.
Chairman Mrs. Thomas Magarian
Mrs. John Lawton, Mr. Thomas Magarian
Dr. and Mrs. Albert Chouinard

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Open at all times during the three-day celebration

- EXHIBITS by all Town Organizations** . . . Tyngsborough Town Hall
Chairman Mrs. Ruth Boucher
- CAFETERIA** Lower Town Hall
Tyngsborough Grange #222
- ANTIQUe SHOW and SALE** First Parish Church Unitarian
Home cooked food served.
Ladies Alliance
- OPEN HOUSE** Tyng Mansion
"the original Tyng home"
Marist Brothers

Sesquicentennial Program

SUNDAY

June 14, 1959

Evangelical Congregational Church
10:45 A. M.

First Parish Church Unitarian
9:00 A. M.

St. Mary Magdalen
Celebration of the First Mass of the
new parish

St. John the Evangelist—North Chelmsford

Sesquicentennial Banquet

2:00 P. M. Lakeview School
INVOCATION Rev. Michael Finnegan
SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
"The Star Spangled Banner" Mrs. Carl Gray, Soloist
Miss Carol Gray, Pianist
OPENING REMARKS Toastmaster Mr. William Doyle
Dinner

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE GUESTS Toastmaster
Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers Mr. Griswold Tyng and Mrs. Tyng
Member of Congress of the United States Descendant of the Tyng family
Hon. Robert F. Murphy Rev. Michael Finnegan
Lt. Governor, Commonwealth of Pastor, St. John the Evangelist
Massachusetts Rev. James T. McKeon
Hon. James L. O'Dea Pastor, St. Mary of the Assumption
District Attorney for Middlesex Rev. William N. Finn
County Pastor, St. Mary Magdalen
Senator Francis Lappin and Mrs. Lappin Rev. Philip Larson
Representative Vernon Fletcher Minister, First Parish Church Unitarian
and Mrs. Fletcher Rev. Thomas Barker
Rev. Armand Morrisette, O.M.I. Minister, Evangelical Congregational
Mr. Edward H. O'Connor Rev. Brother George Robert
and Mrs. O'Connor Director, St. Joseph's Novitiate
Chairman, Tyngsborough Board of Mr. James MacDowell and Mrs. MacDowell
Selectmen Selectman—Chairman Sesquicentennial
Mr. Martin E. Betz and Mrs. Betz Committee
Selectman

GREETINGS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE Chairman James MacDowell
WELCOMING ADDRESS Edward H. O'Connor
GREETINGS FROM MIDDLESEX COUNTY District Attorney James L. O'Dea
GREETINGS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH Lt. Governor Robert F. Murphy
HISTORY OF THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH Rev. Philip Larson
HISTORY OF THE TYNG MANSION Rev. Brother George Robert
HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN TYNGSBOROUGH Rev. James T. McKeon
SESQUICENTENNIAL ORATION Mr. Griswold Tyng
Member, Boston Planning Board
ADDRESS Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers
CLOSING REMARKS Toastmaster
BENEDICTION Rev. Thomas Barker
2:00 - 4:00 OPEN HOUSE Lakeview School
5:00 BAND CONCERT Center of Town
7:00 LOWERING OF THE COLORS Winslow School
Color Guard—American Legion Post #247

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE
SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

History of Tyngsborough

by Catharine W. Lambert
Town Historian

1605—The Merrimack River was discovered by Sieur De Monts, the French Explorer. His pilot and recorder Sieur De Chaplain reported it as a river of great magnitude and beauty.

1614—Capt. John Smith visited the Merrimack River.

1620—Passaconaway, the great Indian Chief, with his Indian Tribes, the Pawtuckets and the Pennacooks, lived and fished along our river. Wicasee (now Tyng's) Island was their favorite planting ground and encampment. Here their corn was safe from bear and deer and here were the Wicasee Falls, where the Indians found fish in great abundance.

1630—Edward Tyng, founder of the Tyngsborough Family made his first visit to America. He was born in Dunstable, England, in 1610. It was for this town that Dunstable, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony was named. Edward Tyng went back to England to marry Mary Sears and returned with his wife in the ship "Nicholas" of 300 tons, chartered by his brother William.

1637—Under the Charter of King Charles II, the Massachusetts Bay Colony lay between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Its northern boundary was three miles north of the Merrimack and its southern boundary was three miles south of the Charles River. 1638—An expedition was sent out to fix the northern boundary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, according to the Charter. The leader was Nathaniel Woodward of Cape Ann; the surveyor was John Gardener of Salem. There was also an Indian Guide, probably Wannalancet. They left a tree, marked, on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee to designate the northern boundary of the Colony.

At this time Edward Tyng was settled in Boston, a merchant and brewer. Here his son Jonathan was born. Edward was made Freeman in 1641 and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was made Constable of Boston. He subsequently held every public office available to him, except Governor, Lieut. Governor and Secretary.

1643—Middlesex County was organized.

1644—Passaconaway signed an agreement placing himself and his tribes under the Colonial authorities.

1645—Edward Tyng was a land owner in Boston, and lived on the corner of State Street and Merchant's Row, where he owned a house, a brew house and a warehouse, with a wharf in front.

1647—Rev. John Eliot, Apostle to the Indians, preached to them each year from a building which stood where Eliot Church in Lowell now stands.

1652—The survey of the Merrimack River Valley by Capt. Simon Willard and Capt. Edward Johnson, sent out by Gov. Endicott, marked a rock at the mouth of Lake Winnepesaukee, with the name of Gov. Endicott and the names of the Survey Party.

1655—Groton, Billerica (including Tewksbury) and Chelmsford (including Westford) were incorporated as towns.

1656—Maj. Gen. Daniel Gookin was appointed Supt. of all the Indians who were under the jurisdiction of the Colonies.

Nov. 8, Wannalancet, son of Passaconaway, and other Indians sold Wicasee (Tyng's) Island in the Merrimack River, to John Evered, alias Webb, to redeem Nanamocomuck, eldest son of Passaconaway, from imprisonment for a debt of 45 pounds, he having become surety for one John Tinker.

Settlers now wished to spread out from Boston, Charlestown, Woburn, and Concord, into the Wilderness. The Colony needed money, and wealthy men advanced funds and were repaid by grants of land.

Many grants were laid out by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, on both sides of the Merrimack (in what is now Tyngsborough). On the east side, near Wicasee Island, a grant of 800 acres was made to Richard Dummer. This he sold later to Samuel and John Scarlett. Butterfields, Parhams, Littlehales and Colburns settled on this land. On the west side of the Merrimack there was laid out to Sameul Cole, Confectioner and Inn holder of Boston, 700 acres, north of the mill brook, (at the center) running up along the river to Howard's (now Keyes's) brook.

North of Cole's Grant was "lay'd out to Edward Johnson and Simon Willard 500 acres extending westerly to five-star-meadow (now half moon meadow).

Dea. Waldo at the mouth of Stoney Brook (at what is now North Chelmsford) had a Grist Mill, below the way that leads to Dunstable."

1657—The Government sold the exclusive right to trade with the Indians, on the Merrimack to Simon Willard, Thomas Hinchman, Ens. Thomas Wheeler and William Brenton for 25 pounds. Hinchman's trading post was at Chelmsford (now Lowell). Ens. Thomas

Wheeler's was north of what is now Tyngsborough (at what was called the "Willow Tree Homestead" lately the home of Dr. Clarence Bent, recently torn down).

1659—John Cromwell, the first trader in furs with the Indians, in what is now Tyngsborough, had his trading post near the present open air theater on Middlesex Road. His land was formerly that of Edward Johnson (Where Kendall Bancroft now lives). Cromwell, so the story goes, who was doing a flourishing business in furs, one day hearing that the Indians were approaching his hut, buried his money in the ground and escaped. The Indians came and burned his hut. Years afterward, Jonathan Farwell, who had bought the farm, working in the field, found a sum of money. Several years later, Ebenezer Bancroft, who then owned the land while plowing, heard a hollow sound as his plow hit a flat rock. He found there a square hollow place lined with stones, in which was buried a pot of money. He never would tell how much money he found there.

At Stoney Brook (now North Chelmsford) Dea. Waldo at his 3rd Grist Mill, "on the fourth day of each week was to grind corn and malt to Dunstable (now Tyngsborough) 1659. Billerica Grant of 4,000 acres to be laid out, Jonathan Danforth, Surveyor." This included plots of land "where ever they may be found" including a plot to Capt. Edward Johnson and Simon Willard, (already referred to), a large plot to Thomas Brattle (now a large part of Dunstable, Mass.), a plot to Jonathan Danforth and to his son-in-law, Parker, who assisted him in laying out the plots.

1660—James Parker of Chelmsford sold to Edward Tyng, 3,000 acres (in what is now Tyngsborough) north of Chelmsford Second Grant, west of the Merrimack.

1661—Edward Tyng also bought 1,000 acres on Salmon Brook, north of Massapoag Pond, which had formerly belonged to Capt. Thomas Savage, William Hudson, Capt. Francis Norton and Jeremiah Houston (in what is now Nashua). This is described in the deed as beginning at "Sagumstufte."

Edward Tyng now represents Boston in the General Court. At this time, Samuel Cole sold his 700 acres west of the Merrimack and north of Tyng's farm to Thomas Hinchman. The Dummer Grant on the east side of the river near Wicasee (Tyng's) Island was laid out. This was then sold to John Evered, alias, Webb. Billerica's Grant of 800 acres (part of the 4,000 acre grant) was lay'd out east of the river, joining Mr. Webb's farm, bounded by Spruce Swamp, Long Pond, Mr. Batter's farm, by Mascuppit Pond unto Tray Table Rock, by Mascuppit Pond again to Mr. Dummer's land where we began.

These two grants, the Dummer, and 800 acres of the Billerica Land, on the east side of the river, included nearly all the land in what is now Tyngsborough, south of Mascuppit (Tyng's) Pond and Gilson's Brook.

1665—John Evered, alias Webb, sold Wicasee (Tyng's) Island back to Wannalancet and his brethren. He also before 1668, sold to Samuel and John Scarlett of Boston, the Dummer Grant, and the 800 acres Billerica Grant, which he had previously purchased. 1666—A small plot of Billerica land was laid out to Arthur Mason (near the east end of the present Tyngsborough Bridge.)

1668—Edward Tyng deeded to his son, Jonathan, his 3,000 acre farm in Dunstable (that part which is now Tyngsborough.) Also his 1,000 acres along Salmon Brook (in what is now Dunstable.)

At this time travel from Boston to Dunstable (now Tyngsborough) came through Billerica over a bridge, which crossed the Concord River. Dunstable had helped to build this bridge and to maintain it.

1669—Wannalancet and the Indians at Concord, N. H., fearing an attack from the Mohawks, came down the river in their canoes, took up their abode in Wamesit (now Lowell) and built their fort (which they surrounded with Palisades) on a hill (now Fort Hill in Belvidere).

1670—Henchman, of Chelmsford, sold to Cornelius Waldo (who ground corn at North Chelmsford) his 700 acres on the west bank of the Merrimack, just north of Tyng's farm. (Where Tyngsboro Center is now situated.)

This same year a road was "laid out from Newfield Gate (North Chelmsford) to Dea. Waldo's farm to Dunstable, six poles wide, according to Town Orders."

1671—Capt. Thomas Brattle bought land of Kanapatune and Pata-tucke, Indians near Dunstable, Mass. This land formerly belonged to Cuttah-hun-O-muck.

1672—The Cummings Farm was a part of Brattle Farm.

History of Tyngsborough

This covered most of what now is Cummings Road, as well as part of No. Chelmsford-Dunstable Road including the Vernet Farm and to the base of Forest Hill.

1673—The Petition for the Town of Old Dunstable was granted by the General Court. Some of the Petitioners were Thomas Brattle, Jonathan Tyng, Joseph Wheeler, John Turner, Samuel Scarlett, Simon Willard, Jr., Robert Proctor, Thomas Wheeler, Sen. Peter Bulkley, Joseph Parker, John Parker and Robert Parris.

1674—The house of Lieut. Wheeler is designated as the place of the meeting of the Proprietors of "Old Dunstable." Orchards were to be seen as early as this. This house was near the present State Line.

This same year "A Road was laid out by Lieutenant Joseph Wheeler and Abraham Parker, from Dunstable to Chelmsford "beginning at Mr. Tyng's farm, and to bee sixe Poles wide."

The Survey of the Town of Old Dunstable, by Capt. Jonathan Danforth, of Billerica, was completed. "It lieth upon both sides of the Merrimack River, on the Nashua River." It is bounded on the south by Chelmsford, by Groton Line, partly by country land. The westerly line runs due north until you come to Souhegan River — bounded on the north by Souhegan River and on the east of the Merrimack it begins at a great stone — near the north west corner of Mr. Brenton's land, then southerly — by Jeremie's Hill — thence south to the head of Long Pond, near Mr. Edward Colburn's Farm, taking in Capt. Scarlet's Farm, so as to close again.

Among the original Proprietors were many leading men of the Colony. We find Gov. Dudley, who married a daughter of Hon. Edward Tyng, Rev. Thomas Weld, who was the first minister of their first church. He later married as his second wife another daughter of Hon. Edward Tyng. Many others were assistants and Magistrates. The first Church was erected north of the present State Line, near the present Danforth Road. Among the first settlers, who made up Mr. Weld's Church, those living in what is now Tyngsborough included, Joseph Wheeler, Jonathan Tyng, Cornelius Waldo, Robert Parris, John Goold, Samuel Goold, Cornelius Waldo, Jr., Daniel Waldo, John Waldo, John Cummings and later Henry Farwell.

The Church was not yet finished, when the news of the first bloodshed of the War with King Philip reached Dunstable. Seven Indians, belonging to Narraganset, Long Island, and Pequot, who had been working for seven weeks with Mr. Jonathan Tyng, hearing of the War, reckoned with their master and getting their wages, marched secretly through the woods planning to go to their own country.

1675—Sept. 8, Instructions from the Governor to Capt. Thomas Brattle and Lieut. Thomas Hinchman to take means for security of the settlement; 1. To form garrisons at Dunstable, Groton, and Lancaster. 2. To appoint a Guardian over the friendly Indians. 3. To send a runner or two to Wannalancet asking him to come back to Wamesit. 4. To inform the Indians at Pennacook and Naticook that if they live peaceably, they will not be harmed by the English.

This was done, but there was new suspicion and alarm among the settlers, and nearly all of them deserted the towns except Jonathan Tyng, who fortified his house and remained there.

During the War with King Philip, Wannalancet left Pennacook, his home, and wandered about. He resided in Canada and various places. After King Philip's death he called upon Rev. Mr. Fiske of Chelmsford, inquiring how they had fared, Mr. Fiske replied that they had been highly favored, for which he desired "to thank God." "Me next," said the shrewd sagamore, who claimed his share of the merit.

Whittier in his "Bridal of Pennacook" gives a graphic description of a wedding and dance given by Passaconaway on the marriage of his daughter Weetamou to Winnepurkit, Sachem of Saugus.

During the War Col. Jonathan Tyng made a petition to the General Court to help garrison his house. Several men from Capt. Moseley's Command were garrisoned at Capt. Tyng's. Wannalancet had at that time warned the English of plans of the Indians to attack.

1676—After the War a party of the "Praying Indians," at Wamesit on the Concord River (now Lowell) were removed to Col. Tyng's with his consent and under the care of Robert Parris, "his Vail." They remained for about ten years on Wicasee Island and then departed to St. Francis, in Canada.

The General Court allowed Mr. Tyng 100 pounds, "as he was put to great expense, being obliged to buy his food in Boston."

1677—The settlers returned to their homes and finished their meeting house. The earliest Town Meeting of Old Dunstable on

record was held on Nov. 28, in Woburn, for the convenience of the many Proprietors of "Old Dunstable" who lived in or near Boston. At this meeting the following were chosen Selectmen; Capt. Brattle of Boston, Capt. Elisha Hutchinson of Woburn; Capt. James Parker of Groton and Abraham Parker, of the same place, and Mr. Jonathan Tyng. They were empowered to select a minister. John Sollendine, a carpenter, who was engaged to complete the meeting house. The Committee chose as their minister Rev. Thomas Weld, who graduated from Harvard College in 1671.

1679—April 22, William Tyng, son of Jonathan Tyng was born in this town.

1680—The Governor of the Colony proclaimed a "General Fast" because of the Comet, "That awful portentous, blazing star, forboding some calamity to the beholders."

1682—Edward Tyng died and was buried in the old Tyng Burial Ground, about a mile below the village of Tyngsborough. The following inscription is on the flat granite stone; "Here lyeth the body of Mr. Edward Tyng Esq., aged 71 years, Died Dec. 17 day 1681."

The Rev. Thomas Weld was ordained and in 1681, 9th of Nov. married Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Rev. John Wilson of Medfield. She died in 1687.

1685—Mr. Weld was given 50 pounds yearly and a settlement of 600 acres of land, "bound is near Witch's Swamp & Woodchuck tree." Most of this was located where the Wayside Furniture Store is now situated. The land ran up the hill to the west where Weld's brook rises. The minister received also a wood rate, 19 cords per year. Samuel Goold was now "dog whipper" for the meeting house. A few years after his wife's death Mr. Weld married Hannah, daughter of Edward Tyng.

1688—King William's War began and lasted till the Treaty of Ryswick in 1698. The Indians again attacked the settlements.

1689—July, Dunstable petitioned the Governor and Council for "twenty foot-men for the space of a month to scout about the town, while we get in our hay." The garrison houses (in Tyngsborough) at this time were near the houses of Jonathan Tyng and Nathaniel Howard.

1691—At least nine were killed by the Indians (Just north of the present State Line in what is now Nashua). Two-thirds of the settlers left their homes to go nearer to Boston and Concord, but again one man, with his family, the brave Col. Tyng, held his position in his fortified house.

1697—Hannah Dustin was driven brutally from her home in Haverhill and taken through the woods, with her nurse, Mary Neff, to Contoocook (N. H.) They escaped in the night with the boy Leonardson in a canoe with the scalps of ten Indians. On their way home they stopped for food at the home of Jonathan Tyng.

1699—Cornelius Waldo, whose sons were valiant Indian Fighters, sold his farm (in what is now Tyngsborough Center, and north up Farwell Road) to Ens. Joseph Farwell and his son-in-law, Thomas Colburn, of Chelmsford. Ens. Farwell deeded one third of his farm to his son Capt. Henry in 1702.

1702—The First year of Queen Anne's War, a new garrison was established, with Jonathan and William Tyng among its defenders. Robert Parris "Col. Tyng's Vail" was slain by the Indians, also his wife and daughter. When the men went out to fight, their wives took their places in the garrisons. On June 9th the Rev. Mr. Weld died, aged 50 years.

1703—Capt. William Tyng, who had married Lucy Clark, the daughter of the minister at Chelmsford, lived in a small house (still standing, a little toward Chelmsford from the Col. Tyng house, on the left just beyond the big boulder). He left at home his wife and three small children, John, Sarah and Mary, and set out with a company of Snow-shoe Scouts through the deep snows to Lake Winnepiseogee to find and capture "Old Harry," leader of a band of marauding Indians. They succeeded in killing "Old Harry" and five of his men. For this brave act the General Court granted Tyng's Company a tract of land east of Manchester (N. H.) called "Old Harry's Town" or "Tyngtown." When the line was run between the states in 1741, it was necessary for these men or their heirs, to give up this land, since it was no longer a part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, so the General Court granted them land in what is now Wilton, Maine. This they called at first "Tyngtown" but later it became Wilton, Maine.

1706—Two hundred and seventy Indians attacked one of the garrisons, commanded by Capt. Pearson (in what is now South Nashua, near Danforth Road). Several men were killed on both sides. "At this same time Mrs. John Cummings was killed but her husband escaped and gave the alarm the next day to Col. Jonathan Tyng. On July 27th Lieut. Butterfield and his wife, riding between Dunstable and Chelmsford had their horse shot by the enemy. The man escaped but the woman was slain, and Joe English, a friendly

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Indian, in company with them was slain." (Pike's Journal). This happened near Holden's Brook, at a fordway. Joe English drew the Indians away, following him to a small hill north of a small pond and there he was killed. This hill has since been called "Joe English Knob." It is slightly north of Mr. Hugh Goodrich's home on the north side of Middlesex Road.

1710—Ens. Farwell, Thomas Lund and Joseph Blanchard, Selectmen petitioned the Assembly for aid in supporting the ministry.

1711—Samuel Scarlett and his brother John, who had bought both the Dummer and the Webb land on the east side of the river, had in their possession also the "Common" land between Long Pond and the Merrimack River, north of Tyng's Pond (Mascuppic). These were designated in the deed as shares first allotted to the Proprietors of the Town of Dunstable.

On Nov. 27th the heirs of Samuel Scarlett deeded all the Scarlett farm and the "Common" land to Joseph Butterfield and Joseph Parham of Chelmsford. These two men came to Dunstable (now Tyngsborough) and settled, with their families together in a stockaded house (This stood across the road from the present house of Eugene Corcoran, on what is now Sherburne Ave.)

This same year Maj. John Tyng was wounded by the Indians between Groton and Concord, Mass. He was carried to Concord and there died.

There were seven fortified houses at that time in Old Dunstable, two of which were in what is now Tyngsborough, that of Col. Jonathan Tyng, and that of Henry Farwell. (Now the Lovering house on Farwell Road.)

Lots had been laid out in 1680 by the Selectmen. Each owner had a thirty acre house lot and common land in proportion. These lots were laid out along the river and along Salmon Brook.

1716—On the east side of the river, the first white child born was John Parham, youngest child of Joseph Parham.

There was a garrison near the river near the corner of the present Norris Road and the Hudson Road (Route 3A) called Howard's or Fletcher's Garrison. Near this is the Fletcher Cemetery where the widow of Robert Fletcher is buried.

During this time the church at Danforth Road (So. Nashua) had no settled minister. The successor to Mr. Weld was Rev. Samuel Hunt, who after five years was ordered to Port Royal as Chaplain. His successor was Rev. Samuel Parris, of Danvers, in whose home the scenes of delusion and witchcraft began.

1720—Rev. Nathaniel Prentice was ordained and became the next settled minister. Soon he married Mary Tyng, daughter of William Tyng. His house was in South Nashua just above the present state line.

1724—Jan. 19th Col. Jonathan Tyng died in Woburn, Mass. aged 81 years.

This year the Mohawks had made an attack on Dunstable. Nathan Cross and Thomas Blanchard were taken captive, and Lieut. Ebenezer French, Thomas Lund, Oliver Farwell and Ebenezer Cummings were killed while searching for the enemy. In the old cemetery at South Nashua, on the grave of Thomas Lund is the following inscription, "This man with seven more that lies in this grave, was slew all in a day by the Indians."

Later this year, Capt. Lovewell with a company of eighty-eight men set out "on an expedition into the Indian Country."

1725—In the spring Capt. Lovewell led his men on his third and last expedition against the headquarters of the Pequawkets, on the Saco River. In Fryeburg, Maine, near Lovewell's Pond the final battle occurred on May 8th. The Indians were defeated, Paugus, their chief was slain. Capt. Lovewell and eight more men were killed on the spot.

Later Col. Eleazer Tyng with his company, visited the scene and found the bodies of twelve men, whom they buried, carving their names upon the trees, where the battle was fought. This battle so terrified the Indians, that they went away and gave very little trouble after that time.

1728—Henry Farwell, Jr. was granted the first license to operate a ferry across the Merrimack in what is now Tyngsborough. (He lived in the house now owned by Mr. Winston Bostick, opposite the Town Hall.) He had married Esther, daughter of Joseph Blanchard, the widow of Ebenezer French, who had been killed by the Indians.

1733—That part of Old Dunstable, east of the Merrimack (now Tyngsborough) joined with what is now Hudson to form Nottingham, and formed a church east of the river over which Rev. Nathaniel Merrill was the minister.

1734—Naticook was set off from Old Dunstable. This later became

Litchfield and Merrimack (N. H.)

1737—The church met and chose Henry Farwell Moderator, voted certain members dismissed to the church at Nottingham.

1738—Henry Farwell sold to his son Henry, Jr. one half of Waldo's farm including the mill at the center.

1739—Nissitisset was incorporated as the West Parish of Dunstable (now Hollis and Brookline.)

1741—The line was run between Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Those living east of the Merrimack at Tyngsborough, being separated from Hudson, now became part of the First Parish of Dunstable in 1747, and became a part of the District of Tyngsborough in 1789. When the Town of Tyngsborough was incorporated in 1809 it included those east of the River.

1746—June 20, "Voted that the place of preaching the gospel this summer shall be at Ephraim Lund's barn.

1747—There was great dissatisfaction with Rev. Samuel Bird and the people of Dunstable, Mass. and Tyngsborough and some of those in South Nashua formed a separate church and met at the old church building just north of the line.

1748, Dec. 27, "The Town of Dunstable voted "to Raise thirty pounds old Tenor for the supporte of a school." This is the first record of action respecting schools in this area.

1749—The Town "voted to hire a school for eight months." One teacher only was hired and school was kept in four places.

1753—A frame for a church was raised at Meeting House Hill, on the road from Dunstable, Mass. to Tyngsborough, on the north side of the road on the hill just east of the old graveyard. At this time meetings of the First Parish of Dunstable, Mass. were being held at the tavern of Ovid Houston (now Mr. Bostick's house) before the church at the center of Tyngsborough was built.

1754—John Alford Tyng and Willard Hall, Jr. petitioned to be transferred from Chelmsford (now Tyngsborough) to Dunstable.

1753-55—Parish Meetings were held at James Gordon's Mills at what is now Tyngsborough Center. "where a frame is erected for the purpose." It was voted to accept the frame that is now on the spot. Messrs. John Tyng and Eleazer Tyng came to the meeting and gave the precinct Glass for the meeting house. Eleazer Tyng was the moderator.

1755—April 1, Ebenezer Bancroft at the age of 16 years, enlisted in the Provincial Army during the French and Indian War, under Goff, Rogers and Stark. In 1757 he was commissioned Ensign in John Alford Tyng's Company.

1760—The County of Middlesex ordered that two roads be built, one on each side of the river to be connected by a ferry.

1769—The three Littlehale houses were standing at the lower end of Sherburne Ave. near the Lowell line.

1760—Although the township was ecclesiastically divided into First and Second Parishes, still in civil affairs it was still a single township. All the selectmen were chosen from the First Parish. They were Eleazer Tyng, Major John A. Tyng and Joseph Danforth.

1768—Hon. John Tyng was chosen to represent Dunstable (including Tyngsborough) in the convention held in Boston for the preservation of the public peace and safety.

1771—Nathaniel Holden was one of the Selectmen.

1772—Joseph Dix was the "School master" and he continued to teach in town for many years.

1773—December, John Pitts, who had married the daughter of Judge John Tyng, presided over the mass Meeting in the Old South Church in Boston, where in the gallery sat (among them his brother, Lendell Pitts) with their war paint and tomahawks, waiting to rush out at the signal and throw overboard every chest of tea.

1775—Dea. Joseph Fletcher, Josiah Blodgett, James Tyng, Esq., Capt. Joseph Butterfield, William Gordon and Ebenezer Bancroft were chosen to divide the town into Districts for Schooling. Five districts and five schools were first erected.

1775—John Tyng and James Tyng represented the town in the Provincial Congress.

1775—Ebenezer Bancroft led his men to Lexington on the 19th of April and later commanded troops at Bunker Hill. He served throughout the war rising to the rank of Colonel.

Colonial soldiers used to gather at John Coburn's house (now the Ashley house) above the ferry. The dining room of this house was formerly used as a shoe maker's shop.

1775—The first record of the old Butterfield mill (now Sherburne's Mill) John Parham conveyed it to John Parham, Jr.

1776—The Committee of the Precinct of Tyngsborough consisted of Capt. Ebenezer Bancroft and Lieut. Nathaniel Holden. John Tyng who lived near the center, in the colonial house belonging now to the Sisters of Notre Dame, was Judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

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1777—Each School District received money for books.

"Voted to pay the soldiers for 8 months service in the war at Cambridge, each man who belonged to the parish."

Col. Bancroft was at the Battle of Bennington. He held many civil offices. He lived on his farm in Tyngsborough to the age of 79 years. Among the soldiers from Tyngsborough in the War of the Revolution were: Sergeant Jonathan Bancroft, Capt. Reuben Butterfield, Capt. Nathaniel Holden, whose house is still standing (the home of Mr. Edward Moss III) Capt. Jonathan Fletcher, Eleazer Farwell, Nathaniel Ingalls, Lieut. John Farwell, Levi Butterfield, Salathiel Frost, William Parham, Robbin Skinner, John Merrill, Daniel Jaques, Benjamin Swan, Asa Emerson, Noah M. Gould, and Sergeant Reuben Butterfield, Jr., who was killed in the Battle of White Plains, Oct. 7, 1777. Nathaniel Holden was Lieut. of the Dunstable Company under Ebenezer Bancroft, Captain.

1782—Col. Eleazer Tyng died in 1782 at the age of 92 years. He was the third son of Col. Jonathan Tyng, Grad. of Harvard College. He was buried in the old Tyng Burial Ground about a mile below Tyngsborough Village. The horizontal tablet above his grave bears the following inscription: "Underneath are entombed the remains of Eleazer Tyng, Esq. who died May 21, 1782 aged 92. Mrs. Sarah Tyng, who died May 23, 1753, aged 59; John Alford Tyng, Esq. who died Sept. 4, 1775, aged 44; John Winslow, Esq. who died Nov. 3, 1788, aged 88; Mrs. Sarah Winslow (the last surviving child of the said Eleazer Tyng, and the truly liberal benefactress of the Church of Christ and the Grammar School in this place, in honor of whose name and family it is called Tyngsborough) who died Oct. 29, 1791, aged 72."

At the close of the Revolutionary War the town was divided into two parishes each having its own house of worship. The First Parish in 1809 became the Town of Tyngsborough, the second became the Town of Dunstable. The two churches were both feeble and for very much of the time were unable to support a settled minister.

1787—The Woodward Grist and Saw Mills were operated at Massapoag Pond.

1789—Madam Sarah Winslow proposed a donation to the town of Dunstable to support a ministry and a grammar school. This would amount to 1,333 pounds, six shillings and 8 pence, valued at the time as \$4,553.77 2/3. The West Part of Dunstable would not agree to this unless the church be nearer to them than the site proposed (in the center of Tyngsborough) "where a frame is already built for the purpose." Madam Winslow then withdrew her proposal and offered the donation in the form of a Trust to be administered by Harvard College to the East part of the town. The Town of Tyngsborough still receives the annual income from this Trust.

June 22nd the First Parish was formally incorporated as "The District of Tyngsborough," and received the donation from Mrs. Winslow.

Voted "to repair the meeting house and build a school. A Committee was authorized and empowered to get materials and hire. Nine pounds to enable them to carry on the works."

Rev. Mathew Scribner was dismissed from the Westford Church, Nov. 10. Several years before this he had removed to Tyngsborough where he took up a lot of wild land, just over the line from Westford. Here he raised merino sheep. He died in Tyngsborough 1813, aged 67 years.

1790—Jan. 1, The District of Tyngsborough had 382 inhabitants, 17 colored.

April 13, Voted to allow Ziba Whiting (carpenter) for the school 10 shillings.

Jan. 6, the first minister Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence was ordained, and the grammar school began.

1790—20th day of October, an obligation signed by David Gould reads as follows: "Whereas the above bound David Gould has for certain considerations bargained and agreed with the said John Merrill to allow him free use and benefit of the one-half of the privilege of the fishing ground by and in Merrimack River, that may be found against that tract of land that the above Gould purchased of Lieut. Joseph Butterfield, etc.—that may be found suitable to take fish in with set nets or other ways with free liberty of crossing across said Gould's land — " For this privilege John Merrill paid thirty pounds.

1792—The first bridge to span the Merrimack River was built at Lowell, at Pawtucket Falls.

Dudley Atkins legally took the name of Tyng in order to

accept the bequest of his great aunt Madam Sarah Winslow. She willed to him her "Mansion House" (now owned by the Marist Bros.) and her large farm in Tyngsborough, as well as one half of Wicasee (Tyng's) Island and land on both banks of the Merrimack at Pawtucket Falls.

1792—Dudley Atkins Tyng was an official of the Locks and Canals Co., which built the Pawtucket Canal to carry the logs around Pawtucket Falls.

1793—The Middlesex Canal was incorporated.

The Proprietors Circulating Library was formed of 30 members in Tyngsborough and Dunstable (N. H.) (now Nashua) 150 volumes, Maj. Jonathan Bancroft, Librarian. The first meeting was held on April 1, at the house of Ovid Houston (colored keeper of the tavern, now the house of Winston Bostick). Officers were elected and by-laws adopted. Hon. John Pitts (Representative of the General Court in 1785) who had married the daughter of Judge John Tyng, Dudley Atkins Tyng, and Frederick French were chosen Trustees. Capt. John Farwell, Treasurer: Dudley A. Tyng, Clerk and Jonathan F. Sleeper, Librarian.

1795—Feb. 15, "Voted to choose a committee of five, to consider of and make a plan of a school house and take into consideration whether the school house shall be Built of Timber or Brick and choose the above for the purpose. Jonathan Bancroft, John Parham, Jr., Asa Butterfield, John Farwell, John Cummings."

Sept. 17 "Voted to raise 35 pounds to paint the meeting house and school house and underpin the meeting house and lead the tower. This school house stood on land in front of John Farwell's (now Mrs. F. D. Lambert's) house.

1795—The Middlesex Canal Corp. bought two lots of Reuben Butterfield at a cost of \$400. One the "Ledge Lot" the other opposite the Island Brook, at Wicasee Island, where a dam 200 yards long was built. This raised the level of the water about one foot. From this place granite was later shipped to Charlestown for the State Prison.

1797—Lease lots (about 1200 acres) leased by Judge John Tyng. April 8, Road Laid out "Northwesterly of Joseph Keyes's saw mill" (near the present home of Milton Esterbrook, Jr.) westerly toward Massapoag Pond. Road Laid out through the farm now in possession of John Pitts Esq. near the river. Middlesex County Turnpike laid out.

1798—Rais money to pay the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, and for the use of the schools and for the repair of the Roads and other Incidental charges and to agree upon the price of Labour to be done on the road.

The Winslow School burned to the ground, but was rebuilt the same year in September. The first School Master was Mr. Samuel Burnham, paid \$100. per Yr.

1800—Benjamin Blood had his store at the house (now occupied by Freeman Spindell, on Sherburne Ave.) The store was at the rear of the house where the brick flagging is laid.

The tavern at the bend, near Smoking Rock was a busy place (This was later the Merrill House). There was a fordway at this point where they crossed the river. Robert Brinley operated this tavern at one time. When the dam at Pawtucket Falls was built it was no longer possible to ford the river here.

Tyngsborough in 1800 was a thriving town. It had three stores, a tavern, a tailor, a carpenter, a cooper, a wheelwright, hatter, harnessmaker, saddler, two shoemakers, a blacksmith shop, a gristmill, a carding mill, two saw mills, a tan house, bark mill, tan yard, currier's shop and a whip shop. (See Mrs. Harriet Littlehale's letter in the V.I.A. Annual for 1904)

1803—First Postmaster was Daniel Richardson. He had studied under Hon. Samuel Dana at Groton. His Post Office was in his law office which was at first in a building at the rear of the First Parish Church. Later it was at Upton and Adams store across the street from the Church.

1804—The Middlesex Canal was opened under the management of Gov. Sullivan of Massachusetts, and Loami Baldwin, Esq. of Woburn.

1806—Calvin Thomas, M.D. was made a Fellow of the Mass. Med. Society.

1809—Middlesex County Court at its Jan. term set up a ferry over the Merrimack River at the Town Landing at Tyngsborough. The Town entered into an agreement with Parsons and Fletcher to run it for five years, according to certain terms. A list of fares was established.

1810—The Winslow School House was removed from the front lawn of Capt. John Farwell's house to the location at the rear of

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the First Parish Church.

1810—Dr. Calvin Thomas settled in the house opposite the present Town Hall. He built the bank wall with granite from the quarry back of the Marist Bros.

1811—The Middlesex Turnpike was completed.

1812—Merrimack Boating Company formed.

1814—The first boat reached Concord, N. H.

1814—Pawtucket Dam built with some of the granite from the David Butterfield quarry. He had the farm where Bowers Fuller now lives.

Upton and Adams had the store on west bank of river just south of where the old iron bridge stood later.

1819—The first steamboat reached Concord, N. H.

1820—Dr. Augustus Peirce (Harvard 1820) came to Tyngsborough to assist Dr. Thomas.

1821—James Butterfield on July 9, sold the old Butterfield Mill (now Sherburne's Mill) to James Butterfield, Jr.

1823—The Boston and Concord Boating Co. was formed. Upton and Adams built their new store at the center.

Petition for an alteration in the Amherst Road, between Tyngsborough Meeting house and the State Line.

1826—Alteration in the "Great Road" between Tyngsborough Meeting House and the State Line completed.

The Town advertised for bids to care for the poor.

1834—Baptist Meeting House completed and occupied. (Now the Town Hall.)

1835—Boston and Lowell Railroad began operations.

1836—James Butterfield stone house built (now Norman Sherburne's). Two of James Butterfield's brothers also built stone houses, Cyrus and Luther. All three houses were built of stone from their own farm.

The First Parish Church building now standing was built in 1836, on the site of the earlier church.

1838—William Adams' store was sold to Daniel Richardson, who had a law office upstairs over the store. The Tyngsborough Band had its rehearsals here. Later this hall over the store was used as a primary school room.

1839—The line was run between Westford and Tyngsborough.

1840—School libraries were formed in each of the seven School Districts, according to the law passed by the state.

1847—Jan. 24, Jonathan Franklin Bancroft was born in Tyngsborough, on the farm which had been in the family since 1733, and on which his grandson Kendall Bancroft still lives. He was the Town Historian. His historical research is the basis for the historical articles in the V. I. A. Annuals, our running history of the town.

1848—Dr. Augustus F. Peirce succeeded to his father's medical practice in Tyngsborough.

1851—Voted to remove No. 4 School house. (near the home of A. R. Marshall)

1857—Jonathan Bowers of Lowell bought land near Lake Mascuppic, and built Willowdale and the log cabin, which stands on the site of the wigwam of Mascuppic the Indian Chief.

1861—The Civil War began. More than 41 soldiers represented Tyngsborough in this war between the states. (See V. I. A. Annual)

1864—The Baptist Church was bought at auction by the Town for a School House and Town House. The Winslow School was transferred to the Town Hall.

1868—Dr. Charles Dutton came to practice medicine here.

March 26, 1868 the first organization meeting of the Evangelical Church was held in the Town Hall. Rev. S. E. Lowry presided. And on April 2, the Evangelical Church was organized. The Church building was completed October 1, 1868.

1873-4—The Iron Bridge was built at Tyngsborough Center, over the Merrimack River. Granite for the abutments was furnished from the quarry back of the Bennett house (now Mr. Avery's) on Tyng Road.

1876—The Tyngsborough Orchestra was organized. (See V. I. A. Annual 1947) Mr. Myron Queen.

1878—Free Public Library established in the Town Hall.

1884—Tyngsborough had four telephone subscribers.

1886—Warren A. Sherburne purchased the mill property (now Sherburne's, formerly Butterfield's). This was operated by him until his death in 1917.

1888—School Districts were abolished.

1892—The New Winslow School building was completed. The School as well as the Town Library were removed from the Town Hall to the new building, where it still stands. The Town Hall was renovated, a stage built in the auditorium and a brick vault

and safe installed in the Selectmen's room.

1893—The Schools were consolidated under one roof.

1895—The Town population was 652. Women were first elected to the School Committee. They were Mrs. M. L. Blanchard, Miss Lucy Littlefield and Miss May V. Perham.

The Tyngsborough Village Improvement Association was formed. (V. I. A.)

1895—May 30, the James A. Garfield Post #120 G.A.R. took part in the Memorial Day Exercises at the Tyngsborough Town Hall.

1895—"Tyng's Island was on the market for \$1500. Fay Bros. and Horsford sold to the Country Club of Lowell for \$6,000. The Island is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long—There is a Club House—Dance hall, 80' x 40'—a new stable, 20 good stalls, a large shed, 3" and 2" water pipes to all parts of the Island—driven well, reservoir tank 10,000 gal. capacity, gas engine also for lighting, bicycle track $\frac{1}{3}$ mile in length, a ball field inside, tennis courts—"There are few men still left who do not own a bicycle, but they are considered excentric".

1895—The Town voted to allow a discount of 5% on taxes on real estate and personal property paid before Nov. 1.

1896—The V. I. A. built the sidewalk in front of the new Winslow School and up Kendall Road to the Evangelical Church at a cost of \$105.63. They also lighted the streets of the town with oil lamps at a cost of \$83.33 for the year.

1897—Upton's Mill at the center was now operated by Mr. A. P. Hadley, son-in-law of J. G. Upton. Mr. George Gilson was foreman.

About this time Charles Hunter was telegraph operator at the Depot.

1897—Electric cars started running from Lowell to Tyngsborough with a 10¢ fare. Dr. Dutton had the first telephone.

Charles Danforth retired as Postmaster and A. A. Flint enlarged his store to include the Post Office. Miss Belle Perham (now Mrs. Fred Wiggin) was assistant to A. A. Flint, who became Postmaster.

Washburn's Brush Factory was operated by Horace A. Washburn. It stood on the North West corner of the cross roads at the upper end of Farwell road, where it crosses Middlesex Road.

The Fred Blanchard Esq. house was removed from Middlesex Road (near the Richmond Bungalow) to Kendall Road opposite the Evangelical Church. It was occupied by Mrs. Celia Hunter, and at present by Mrs. Edith Bell.

The New Boulevard from Lowell to Tyngsborough was built on the east side of the river. (Pawtucket Blvd.)

1897—Butterfield Road was built by the V. I. A. It was accepted as a town road, connecting Lowell Road (Sherburne Ave.) and the new Pawtucket Blvd. ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile below the east end of the Tyngsborough Bridge)

Fire destroyed the buildings at Willowdale.

Capt. Prouty's Steamer began regular runs up and down the river through Tyngsborough.

1898—New River Steamer—Captain Prouty's new boat, the May Queen II which has been in process of building during the winter, was successfully launched Tuesday afternoon at the Vesper boat landing. The new boat is a handsome specimen of a river craft, and when finished will be one of the finest equipped steamers which has ever plowed the water of the Merrimack. It is somewhat larger than its predecessor, May Queen I, which was burned two years ago, being 86 feet overall, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet beam and 3 ft. draft. It will have a carrying capacity of about 350 passengers.

The new boat is to be equipped with the latest and most improved machinery, and its appointments throughout will be entirely up to date, and in fact Captain Prouty, who has built a number of steamers, considers that this will be his best attempt in that line. It is estimated that the boat will make 12 knots an hour under fair conditions. Captain Prouty is highly elated over the successful launching of yesterday and he intends to have the boat ready for its trial trip in a few days.

1899—The Town voted to abolish School Districts. Streets were kept lighted by the V. I. A.

1899—May. Tyngsborough Grange #222 was organized. The First Worthy Master was Lucian C. McLoon.

1900—Sept. The buildings at Harmony Grove were totally destroyed by fire last night at about 10:00. The woods in the vicinity were damaged. Village Bells at Tyngsborough called two alarms but fire fighters could not save the property. The buildings were occupied by Joseph Mercier and included a dancing pavilion, refreshment stand and shed with contents valued at about \$2,000. The property was owned by Louville Curtis.

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1904—The new Littlefield Library was dedicated, a gift to the town by Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, in memory of her daughter Miss Lucy Littlefield.

1905—Feb. 9. Tyngsborough had its first telephone exchange in the home of H. H. Upton. (now Richardson's at the cor. Locust Ave. and Kendall Road.)

1908—Dr. Frederick D. Lambert began his medical practice in Tyngsborough. He became the first school physician. He continued his work here until his death in April, 1948.

1909—The first automobiles in Tyngsborough were owned by Perry Flint, Chester H. Queen, Dr. Lambert, Edwin P. Littlehale and John Morse.

A. A. Flint Box Shop furnished Electric Power for Town Street Lights.

Tyngsborough celebrated its Centennial Anniversary on June 27, 28, and 29. The General Committee was Rev. James Danforth, Otis L. Wright and Wallace P. Butterfield. There was a Winslow School reunion, an excursion on the river, a band concert and historical addresses. In Sept. automobile races were run on the east side of the river, up from Lowell on Pawtucket Blvd., around the hairpin turn and back via Sherburne Ave. and Varnum Ave.

The V. I. A. that year spent \$300. to light the streets. They also completed the sidewalk up Kendall Road to Bryant's Lane. Some private residences were wired for electricity including A. A. Flint's and Dr. Lambert's, also Flint's Box Shop and the Evangelical Church.

1910—March 5, Mrs. Sarah Blanchard died at her home on Kendall Road. She was the mother of Frederick and William Blanchard. In her early life she was employed in the Lowell Cotton Mills. That was the time of Lucy Larcom and the "Lowell Offering." Her husband, Cornelius Blanchard, was an inventor and patentee of a loom for weaving cotton cloth.

There is half hour trolley service from the center to No. Chelmsford and Lowell and on the east side of town there is trolley service every hour between Tyngsborough and Lowell, Mass.

Rev. William Brown, Pastor of the First Parish Church for twelve years, died on March 25th at his home on Farwell Road. 1911—Miss Mary E. Bennett died Feb. 6 at her home on Middlesex Road, next to the library. She was the daughter of Zephaniah and Polly (Woodward) Bennett. She made a very generous donation to the Littlefield Library.

Rev. T. S. Tyng visited Tyngsborough to secure a lot in the Old Tyng Burial Ground.

The Universalist Church burned to the ground. This church stood on the west bank of the river north of the entrance to the bridge. It was organized early in the 1840's. It was gradually given up.

Many fires occurred this year. Houses burned were those of Abraham Stone on Bryant Lane. Two houses on the Plaisted farm, owned by D. L. Page. The Sargent Perham buildings on Long Pond. David Kimball's place owned by W. A. Sherburne (at the corner of Curtis Road and Lawndale Road.) There were three large forest fires, one between Mud Pond and the Lowell Road, One on Oak Hill and One between the Lakeview and Nashua Roads.

Dec. 16, 1911, a tablet commemorating the visit of Hannah Dustin was placed near the Wannalancet Rock by the Hannah Dustin Society of Haverhill, assisted by the V. I. A.

1912—Feb. 12, Jessie B. Butterfield's house burned. It was built in 1855 by Dea. Cyrus Butterfield and his three brothers, David, James and Luther and their three cousins, Joseph, Abner and Haskell settled here, J. Ayers, son of Joseph on Willowdale Road being the last of the generation to live there. But now Mrs. Jennie Schulte and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Fuller and her two children, are carrying on the old tradition.

Mr. Isaiah Spindell, of Lynn, bought the J. G. Queen place. (Now the Tyngsborough Country Club.)

1912—The telephone central was operated by Charles H. Hunter. 1912—Frederick Blanchard died. He left a generous bequest to the Littlefield Library.

The iron water tower, 100 feet high, with a capacity of 2,500 gals., was erected by A. A. Flint to protect his box shop. This tower stood near the present Post office, built in 1958. Hydrants were put in and water piped to the Winslow School and the Town Hall.

1913—Fire destroyed the Adolph Ekstrom house on Farwell Road. On the afternoon of June 16th, Nelson and Perham's store was burned as well as the Grist Mill, the Old "Joe Upton" house, the

parsonage of the First Parish Church. The flooring of the bridge caught fire and about one third of it burned.

"Tyngsborough's Tax Rate was 13.50. The Town was out of debt. There was no Town Farm—no jail—no saloon, 25 or 30 summer cottages were built that year. There were good schools, live churches, an active grange and an efficient V. I. A. This together with its excellent transportation facilities, steam and electric, its accessibility to Lowell and Nashua, and its beautiful location, along the Merrimack make it a place to be desired for summer or all the year round residence." V. I. A. Annual Vol. XVIII 1913.

1916—Fall issue of Telephone directory shows over 70 subscribers in Tyngsborough. The Central office was at the home of Chas. H. Hunter on Kendall Rd.

1917—The Shirley Electric Co. acquired all the rights and property of the Tyngsborough Electric Light Company.

Warren A. Sherburne died on Dec. 18. He had been Selectman from 1890 to 1915, continuously.

1919—March 19. Tyngsborough had its fourth Central Telephone Office at what is now the Bostick house, across from the Town Hall. Mrs. Hazel Bacon took over the agency formerly operated by Charles H. Hunter for whom she had worked.

1930—The Nashoba Health Association was formed, under the Commonwealth Fund, through the generosity of the Harkness family of N. Y. Mary K. Trudel, R.N. began her nursing in Tyngsborough.

1931—A brush fire covered many acres in Tyngsborough, Groton and Dunstable.

1931—Henry G. Desmarais took over the ice business at Flints Pond which had been operated by Frank G. Sargent previously.

1932—The New bridge was completed and the dedication held on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th.

In preparation for this several buildings were torn down including the Box Shop, the old Curtis house, and the Julia Butterfield house.

1935—The Tyngsborough Community Club was organized on March 27, Pres. Harold J. Davis, V. Pres. Arthur Wilbur, Sec. Mary E. Hayes, Financial Sec. Helen Woodward, Treas. Wallace Butterfield.

1936—The Lowell - Dracut - Tyngsborough State Forest was opened. It included Huckleberry Hill and extended south to Lake Mascuppig, 910 acres.

This year came the very damaging flood.

1937—The Tyngsborough Sportsman's Club was organized.

1938—Mrs. Francena L. Sherburne died on the 19th of March. In her memory was established under the Tyngsborough Grange, the Francena L. Sherburne Bird Fund, income from which, furnishes the means for awards made to the school children yearly for bird lists, bird feeders and occupied bird houses.

This year on September 21st came the great hurricane.

1939—American Legion Post No. 247 was instituted by Comdr. Daniel Shea, of Reading, on May 19th. Comrade Perley E. Knight as Commander. Sen. Vice Comdr. Henry J. LaFrance, Junior Vice Comdr. Willis C. Trainor, Adj. George R. Robeson, Finance Officer Norman R. Sherburne, Chaplain Lawrence V. Magoon, Historian, Earl W. MacIntyre, Serg.-at-arms, Harold L. Wilkins.

1939—Lowell went on to the Dial Telephone System.

1939—Dr. Henry Clinton Fall died on Nov. 11th. He was the brother of Mrs. Carl A. Richmond of Middlesex Road. He came to live in Tyngsborough in 1918.

1940—While the Historical Society was holding its meeting at the home of Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert, the fire engines went up Ship Timber Lane to the fire of Edward Boucher's house. This was burned to the ground at 5 P. M.

1940—Homer Noble died at his home on Farwell Road. He had been Selectman from 1915 to 1918 and from 1928 to 1940.

1941—Dec. 7th World War II broke out. (See V. I. A. Annual 1942 for Names of Soldiers)

1942—William Sumner Kenney, for the V. I. A., in cooperation with the Selectmen made arrangements with the B. & M. to have their busses stop at Tyngsborough Center to take on passengers for Nashua and Lowell and Boston.

1943—The Tyngsborough Honor Roll on the Winslow School grounds was dedicated on the 18th of April. (See V. I. A. Annual for the list of names 1943)

The Trees were the gift of Mr. Frank Wyman.

"The Yankee Backers"—Organized by Miss Anna F. Elliott sent mail to the boys in the service from Tyngsborough. Their purpose—"To Stand Behind the Men Who Stand in Front for Us."

History of Tyngsborough

The Washburn Fund was left by Mr. Mortimer C. Washburn for the poor of the town.
1947—The Town adopted a By-Law establishing a Planning Board. Mr. Fred L. Snow was made Chairman and Mr. Winston H. Bostick was Secretary.

Aug. 29. Mrs. Chester Queene attended the gladioli flower show at Horticultural Hall in Boston. Mr. James Woodward of Westford Rd. was an exhibitor and a judge at this show.
1948—The new addition to the Winslow School was completed, Charles H. Colburn, Chairman of the School Committee.

On September 11th Mr. Enlo A. Perham, who had been Post Master and a Storekeeper in Tyngsborough for many years died at his home on Kendall Road. He was a patron of baseball and sports for the boys of the village. In his memory Mrs. Perham established the Enlo A. Perham Scholarship award yearly to the highest ranking member of the graduating class.

1948—On the 16th of September Fred L. Snow died at his home on Frost Road. He had been Selectman for many terms, and in 1923 and 1924 was elected to the State Legislature.

1950—Harry L. Littlehale died on Jan. 21st. A native son of Tyngsborough, one of the first "lamp lighters" of the town in early life, he continued to radiate happiness in his community and church for many years.

1951—The No. 2 Fire Station was constructed by Volunteer labor on land given by Leo A. Flanagan Sr. under Fire Chief Guy R. Constantine. Mr. Flanagan contributed much of the labor. Plans were drawn by Mr. Ivan Dove.

1953—Mrs. Bertha M. Turner, who did much to enrich the historical record of the town, died on September 17th.

1955—On June 5th the Dedication of the War Memorial on the village green opposite the Winslow School and the Littlefield Library in Tyngsborough Center attracted about 500 spectators. Past Commd. Earle R. Stratton, of the Robert D. Pelletier Post #247 American Legion and Chairman of the Town's Honor Roll Committee, was Master of Ceremonies.

1955—The death of Raymond W. Sherburne was a great loss to the town. He had served as Trustee and Treasurer of the Littlefield Library for 37 years. Selectman for many years, Town Treasurer for 22 years, Town Counsel for 31 years and Moderator for 32 years.

1956—A Contract was signed in April to erect a Radar Tower on Millstone Hill, the tower being erected in the winter of 1956-1957. A Radio Tower was built in 1958 and a second Radar Tower in 1959. The Tyngsborough-Westford-Groton corner bound lies between the first Radar Tower and the Radio Tower.

1956—The Tyngsborough-Dunstable Co-operative Nursery School and Kindergarten was organized with Mrs. George Woodsum as President.

1957—On Dec. 13th the American Legion purchased the Golden Jade Restaurant on Pawtucket Boulevard for a Legion Home.

1958—The Dedication of the Lakeview School was held on March 16 on Sunday afternoon. Taking part in the official acceptance and dedication as the keys were presented to Mr. Richard O' Starkey, Principal, were Mr. Louis B. Marion, Contractor; Mr. Frank C. Herrman, Chairman of the Building Committee; Mr. Maxwell G. Sherburne, Chairman of the School Committee; and Mr. Edward H. O'Connor, Selectman. The guest Speaker, John C. Marshall, Educational Consultant, was introduced by Superintendent of Schools, Elliott A. Diggle.

The New Post Office was dedicated on Saturday afternoon September 20th with more than 200 present. Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers was the principal speaker. She congratulated Postmaster C. Adelbert Bell on the new streamlined methods of mail handling. Thomas E. Coughlin was Master of Ceremonies.

The New Legion Headquarters of the Robert D. Pelletier Post #247 American Legion, on Pawtucket Boulevard was dedicated on May 10th, with Commander John Mackey as Master of Ceremonies.

1958—September. Tyngsborough began to use the Dial Telephone system.

1959—Middlesex Road is being widened by the State to temporarily handle the increased traffic until the new Route 3 superhighway is completed to the State Line. This necessitates moving back from the road the Tyngsborough Store and the home of Mrs. Nellie Moore.

The home of Mr. Royal Keyes is being torn down, and he is building a new house on the opposite side of Middlesex Road. The old house was built by the "Kendall Brothers" before 1790 for Samuel Howard, later owners were Martin Wright and Henry J. Keyes.

1959—The Lincoln Laboratories Radar Station sent a signal to Venus and received the first recorded sound waves caused by signals sent out by them.

Thus Tyngsborough with deep roots in America's past looks to the future.

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"On Friday afternoon Dec. 8, 1939 at 3:30 P. M. a group of people interested in the early history of Tyngsborough met at the home of Dr. Lambert. It was decided to form a Historical Society." This is the first report in the Historical records.

At the second meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner; Vice President, Mrs. Chester H. Queen; Treasurer, Miss Anna F. Elliott; Secretary and Custodian, Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert. It is because of the enthusiasm and untiring work of these first officers that our Society is what it is to-day. They have always worked closely with the V. I. A., as most of the historical articles in the Annual have been written by members of the Society.

Through the years the interest of the Society has centered on Tyngsborough and the programs have been of one phase or another of the town's history. The early land grants have been studied and maps and old parchment deeds have been shown at the meetings. Members have always been asked to bring articles pertaining to the program in progress and have been most co-operative. The Society now owns several old deeds and maps, some of which we have photostatic copies. The roads have been a topic of much discussion.

The early families, Tyng, Perham, Butterfield, Littlehale, Coburn, Cummings, Bancroft, and so many more have all left their mark on the Town's history and the Society has many genealogies. These old families also left old houses and in some instances it has been impossible to be sure of the exact date the house was built but from early deeds and papers the Society has been able to mark most of the oldest before 1825.

The district schools have filled many a program. There were seven district schools and the Winslow and our records include lists of pupils and teachers also "rewards of merit."

It was at several times thought we might move the #2 school house to the center of town for a Historical house. Mr. Robert E. Lorman gave the building if we could move it and Mr. Enlo Perham offered land but after much discussion and deliberation the project had to be abandoned. After the first meetings in Dr. Lambert's home, we were invited to visit other homes and now our meetings are held in different places every meeting of the year.

In November 1946 we began an annual exhibit at the Littlefield Library for the school children. This was Miss Anna Elliott's joy, to do for the children, and she worked very hard to show them the Indian relics, early furniture, cooking utensils, apple corers, quilts and shawls. The children enjoyed watching the candle dipping and rug hooking. Because of the growth of the schools and the amount of time it took for each class to come to the Library this has had to be given up.

The dues were 25¢ a year, as this is not a money making organization. It was at first just a study group but later the social hour after the program and light refreshments with talk of the current exhibit added much to the meeting. Later the dues were increased to \$1.00 and so stand. Our membership cards are our yearly program and much appreciated. Dunstable residents asked to join our group and were admitted to membership in 1948. At the Annual meeting in 1951 we became the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society and have gained much from the association.

For several years Mrs. Ruth Boucher had an Antique Show at the Town Hall and our booths added greatly to our treasury.

The Historical Society has received many things and all are gratefully received. All have been catalogued and tagged and cared for as best we can at present. We have been given a large glass-doored book case which Mrs. Lambert so kindly keeps in her hall. In this we have displayed small trinkets, china, silver, pictures, and small books. Our parchment deeds and valuable papers are in safes which we own.

Mrs. Carl A. Richmond has been of great help to the organization with her vast knowledge of what and how to keep our things. Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner gave us many papers and things from her Reuben Sherburne family. She passed away in 1953 but her good work is still carried on. We have deeds and other articles from the Perham family through Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Queen. Mr. Chester F. K. Bancroft has a family heritage and great interest in Tyngsborough history. He has helped immeasurably in many ways.

Our Past Presidents are Mrs. Elden I. Staples, Mrs. Franklin Hammond, and Mrs. William A. Hampton, Sr. Our Program and Hospitality Chairman Mrs. Louis F. P. Spindell has made our programs interesting and enjoyable.

Dunstable is most fortunate in having Mrs. William Hampton, Sr. as its librarian. Her association with Mrs. Archie Swallow, the former librarian, and her keen interest in the town's history, made our afternoon spent in the Roby Memorial Library very informative. Mrs. Albert Pickering of Westford came to our April meeting and displayed many dolls made of many things, some beautiful, some not, but all very ingeniously made. In May Miss Edna Cutter told us of Garden suggestions for 1958 and she is always a treat. We traveled to Pepperell in June to the home of Miss Florence Flynn. It was a beautiful day and we ate our basket lunch out of doors and were shown Victorian glass by Mrs. Beatrice Stone from the "One Horse Shay Antique Shop" of Chester, N. H. Mr. John E. Barr talked of old time games at Miss Lena Coburn's home in August. The afternoon spent with Mrs. Charles Walker, Willowdale Road was greatly enjoyed as Mrs. Harold Blackie, Jr., told us of Lake Mascuppic.

Wall paper was the topic Miss Ruth Woodbury of Wakefield brought to us at Mrs. Elden I. Staples in Dunstable. Many old papers were shown. Mr. Chester F. K. Bancroft brought a framed section of wall paper from the old homestead. The members brought a surprising array of shawls of all kinds to the Littlefield Library in November and Mrs. Staples told us very interesting stories about them. At the Annual meeting on Feb. 27, 1959 Mrs. William Hampton, Sr.'s subject was paper weights said to have been in the luxury class. Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert as always the perfect hostess.

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Our beautiful costumes, books and other papers have to be packed away and only brought out for an occasional exhibition. We are earnestly hoping some day to have a home suitable and worthy of keeping and displaying our Tyngsborough treasures.

Barbara P. Hammond



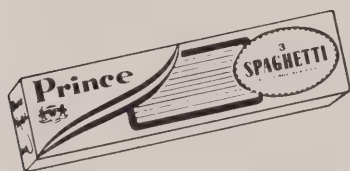
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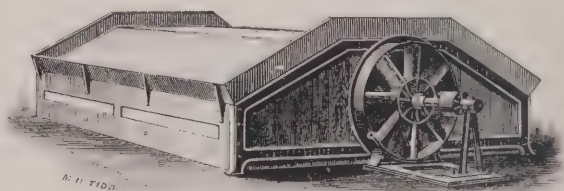
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1. The Col. Jonathan Tyng House, Tyng Road. This gambrel roofed, garrisoned house was built before 1675 by Col. Jonathan Tyng, for whom our town was named. It is interlined with brick and had port holes under the eaves. There were also slave pens in the upper story of the house. The Tyng family occupied this house continuously through the French and Indian Wars. Wampanoag spent the last three years of his life here on this farm, with his friend Col. Tyng, and is buried with the family in the Tyng-Drake Burial Ground. This house, situated a half mile south of Tyngsborough Village has been owned by the Marist Brothers for several years.

2. The Dea. Cornelius Waldo House, Farwell Road. This house on Farwell Road, for many years the home of Mrs. Hazel Lovering, was built about 1683 by Dea. Cornelius Waldo, "Miller of Chelmsford." Capt. Henry Farwell, from whose family the road takes its name, lived here in 1702. About 1800 Capt. Asa Butterfield operated a stage tavern here. His daughter Betsy planted the beautiful elms surrounding the house. There was a large stable of 50 horses, a blacksmith shop, wheelwright shop, a school and a store, as well as a farm house and other buildings. After the advent of steam many of these buildings were moved to the center of town.



3. The Oliver Farwell House, Farwell Road. This low "ell-shaped" house was built for Oliver Farwell, when he married Mary Cummings in 1715 by his father, Ens. Joseph Farwell. Oliver was killed by the Indians in 1724, but his sons Oliver and Benjamin lived here for many years. John, son of Oliver and his son Capt. John made this their home until the Capt. built his house in the center in 1803. Later owners were Asa Swain, Nathan Sears, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Symonds and the present owners Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Markus.



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4. The Henry Farwell, Jr. House, Kendall Road, opposite the Town Hall. In 1727, Henry Farwell, Jr. built this salt box house. He had a license to operate a ferry across the Merrimack and an inn holder's license. The house has a huge central chimney with a long kitchen at the rear and fireplaces in all the rooms. An unusual feature is the "witch's walk" on the second floor landing and the very wide boards. In 1755 James Gordon was the owner and his servant Ovid Houston operated a tavern here. On Gordon's death, his servant, Ovid Houston, took the house as his due. It was he who built the brick tomb at the rear of the house. Dr. Calvin Thomas, who lived here from 1813 to 1851, planted the horse chestnut trees by the front door and built the curved wall. Maj. Ephriam Andrews bought the house in 1851. This lovely old house is now owned by Dr. Winston Bostick.



5. The A. R. Marshall House, Kendall Road, at the corner of Locust Ave. Simon Thompson built this house as early as 1728. Before there was any school house here, he used to gather his and neighbor boys in the barn and teach them to "cypher" using the floor as a blackboard for "figgering." Later No. 4 District School stood across the street. This was the home of William Blodgett and his family for some years. Many people have enjoyed the Marshall home over the years.

6. The Old William Sherburne House, Sherburne Ave. Abigail Parham was the daughter of Joseph Parham, Jr. and when she married John Blood of Dracut, she inherited the parcel of land on which John built this house in 1768. The small bed-room off the kitchen, called the "borning room" had hearts cut through the upper panels of the door. "Grandsire" William and Betsy (Parham) Sherburne came here to live in 1836. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman A. Spindell.



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7. The Home of Peter Littlehale, Sherburne Ave. Abraham Littlehale lived in this house in 1769, but it may have been built earlier. He was the son of John and Sarah (Coburn) Littlehale. This story and a half house on Sherburne Ave. is one of the three Littlehale houses, east of Scarlet Brook, all built, nearly alike, about the same time. It was later owned by Isaac and his wife Harriet (Butterfield) Littlehale, then their son Peter and their grandson William L. Littlehale.

8. The Royal Keyes House, Middlesex Road. This was the home of Samuel Howard in 1790. It was built for him by the Kendall Brothers of Kendall, who built so many fine houses of that period. It had beautiful carvings, large fireplaces and sliding shutters. Later owners were Martin Wright and Henry J. Keyes. Five generations of the Keyes family have lived here. It was recently demolished to make way for the widening of the Highway.



9. The Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence House, Farwell Road. On land purchased from Oliver Farwell, Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence built this house in 1795. He had been ordained as Pastor of the First Parish in 1790. The interior of the house was probably patterned after the Tyng Mansion (Madame Winslow's home). The beautiful panelling was on the inner walls next to the large chimneys and fireplaces, one of which was faced with blue "bible tiles." There is elaborate carving in many of the rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Channing Whitaker and their family lived here for many years, as did Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Queen. Then Mr. and Mrs. William Shea lived here and now Lt. Col. Sunberg, U.S. Air Force.

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10. The Old Holden Homestead, Farwell Road. Capt. Nathaniel Holden, farmer-blacksmith, on his return from the Revolutionary War in 1799 built the two story, ten-room house on Farwell Road, on land he had purchased from Eleazer Farwell. "He had to have beauty in the house he built to live in and he was able to create it,—beauty of line and proportion is seen in four panelled rooms—and the iron work—all very simple and good to live with." This house is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. D. Moss III and their family.



11. The Home of Eleazer Farwell, Kendall Road. Eleazer Farwell, a soldier in the Indian Wars lived here in 1759. He went with Rogers' Rangers and fought in the Revolutionary War as well. His son Thomas lived here. In this house is one of the oldest brick ovens and fireplaces in town. William Gordon lived here in 1847. Recently it has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cobleigh.

12. The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Stratton, Corner of Chestnut and Scribner Roads. This was one of the Lease Lot Houses owned by Judge John Tyng and leased to George Frederick in 1794. Later the Glover Family lived here. Other owners were Samuel Blodgett, Dan Quinlan, and Raymond Norton. In this house were shelves on which mulberry leaves were dried in the culture of silk worms, after the War of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have carried on a poultry business here for many years.



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13. The Frost - Snow House. Frost Road. Daniel Fletcher lived here in 1733 and was living here when the line between the states was run in 1741. He sold to John Coburn in 1771. This house is said to have been a rendezvous of the Colonial Soldiers. Later owners were William Gordon, Salathiel Frost, and Mr. Fred Snow. The present kitchen was in early days a cobbler shop. The huge beam overhead was pierced by his awl and leather hearts nailed over the door told of his work. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Ashley.

14. The James Danforth Homestead, Farwell Road. This property was part of the Henry Farwell, Jr. land from 1727 to 1755. Just when the house was built is unknown. In the deed to John Hathorn of Salem in 1799 buildings are mentioned. John Hathorn sold it in 1806 to Ebenezer Bancroft. His son George lived here for a number of years about 1878. During the time the Bancrofts owned it they added to the original two room cottage, two more rooms facing south. Cascade brook flows through the land bordering the gardens at the foot of the bank wall south of the house. Rev. James Danforth and his wife Caroline lived here for many years. In Nov. 1855 the Rev. Mr. Danforth had built a second story, a bay window and enlarged the kitchen. The property was later purchased by Hyacinth Gagnon, who added the piazza. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hammond moved here in 1939 following the hurricane.



15. The Capt. John Farwell House, Middlesex Road. This Brick-end house was built in 1803 for Capt. John Farwell. The Kendall Brothers, "John, Jerre and Mose" were the builders and the bricks, made in the Parham brick yard were hauled across the river on the ice by William Parham, great grandfather of Mrs. Chester H. Queen. Capt. John Farwell died in 1838 and his son John Farwell, Jr. sold to "Sir" Robert Brinley. Later it was owned by Mrs. Mary Bridge. The eight square, high ceilinged rooms have folding shutters, window seats and large fireplaces with carved mantels. It has been the Lambert home for fifty years.

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The Process of Ice Harvesting

by Paul Desmarais

The process of ice harvesting on the local ponds and lakes in the 1930's and 40's would begin about the middle of December when the ice would acquire a depth of about five inches. The weather played a very important part in harvesting ice. If a major snowstorm occurred when the ice was between five and seven inches in depth it meant sinking the ice, which was done by punching holes in the ice to let the water come up and wet the snow which would then freeze into ice.

Horses were sometimes used to remove the snow from the ice if the ice was between nine and ten inches in depth. When there was from ten inches and up of solid ice, trucks equipped with snow plows would remove the snow. There was always the chance of breaking through the ice with the trucks and it would happen every once in a while.



When the ice reached the twelve inch depth harvesting would begin. The first step was marking the field of ice needed to fill the ice houses. This was done with a long rope, a big home-made square and a small hand groover. The next morning two men would go out very early and groove enough ice with the grooving machines to operate that day. These machines were powered with gasoline engines to which circular ice saws were attached at the end of a drive shaft. These machines would cut the width and length of the ice blocks wanted and were set to cut down to within three inches of cutting through. Men would then calk some of the seams with snow to prevent the other seams from freezing. Other men with hand saws and bars would then break off floats containing up to 150 bars of ice each. These floats were floated up to the incline where they were broken up into single blocks. These were pushed into the incline or ice elevator, which had an endless chain with wooden lags. This chain was powered by a stationary gasoline engine or tractor with belts, shafts and clutch for stopping and starting. The incline would carry the blocks of ice through a set of planer knives which would shave the ice so as to have all the same thickness.



After these ice blocks would leave the incline they would slide on ice runs down by the ice houses where men stationed would switch these blocks into each room being filled. In each of these rooms were five men working as a team, two wingers who would hook the blocks as they came off the end of the ice runs, two packers who would help the wingers place these blocks into a certain position and a barman or spacer who would space each block so that the ice would not freeze into one solid mass, this barman would also help with the ice runs and scratchers. These scratchers were used to slow the ice blocks coming down the ice run.

When all the rooms were filled the doorways were then boarded and filled with two feet of sawdust. Either a water-proof paper or canvas topped with about one to one and one-half feet of rye straw was spread on the top layer of ice.

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Tyngsborough Woman's Club A Brief History

In the summer and fall of 1944 four young women of the town, Mary Catherine Witt, Evelyn Hartford, Phyllis and Helene Riley, thought of, and started plans for a Woman's Club. Other organizations were approached for advice and approval. Both the advice and approval were secured and on January 24, 1945, a group of sixteen young women braved the freezing temperature of ten degrees below zero to meet at the home of Mrs. Warren A. Riley to form the Tyngsborough Evangelical Woman's Club and to become the charter members.

Membership was to be open to all interested women over eighteen years old. Meetings were to be held in member's homes on the third Tuesday of each month at eight o'clock in the evening. Refreshments were limited to two items, one wet, and one dry.

The purpose of the club was to take an active part in the Church, and to work for the benefit of the Church, Parsonage, and Community. The work of the club started in active and personal community service. When trouble beset a family, members of the Woman's Club would organize in a neighborly way to care for the children, washing, ironing, cooking, mending, provide transportation, and help until the trouble abated.

New enterprises found the Woman's Club members attending with interest and a gift for the new business, change of homes, weddings, and new citizens.

Needs of the Parsonage involved the members with refinishing ceilings, wallpapering, painting, sanding floors, sewing, and a great deal of experience was gained in household engineering and decorating, on a "do-it-yourself-basis." At times the members were ably assisted by husbands, fathers, and friends. With other organizations the woman's Club shared the worry and financial burden of the water system of both the Church and Parsonage which involved pumps, tanks, piping and sewer. The money which wasn't put into the ground in the shape of a well went for roofing materials and were well applied by the Men's Club.

All aid is voted upon by the body of the club and among the charities and organizations befriended have been the Tuberculosis Seal Sale, the Heart Fund, Red Cross, Cancer Research, the United Fund and the March of Dimes. The Woman's Club's donation for the Worcester Tornado Disaster matched the quota for the whole town. Members answered calls from Fort Devens Hospital for which they cooked and served refreshments on the Post. Regularly the club votes to re-string racquets for the tennis activities in town and sometimes replaces tapes for the courts.

The gustatory nerves of the community received a lift when the Woman's Club collected and published the town's treasured recipes in a gay little book—*Let's Eat*.

A count of Dues-payers shows that over one hundred Women have been active members of the Woman's Club since its founding. Auctions, rummage sales, and entertainments have been tried from time to time, but beside the membership dues, food sales and suppers have proved to be the most stable source of income.

Woman's Club activities were not all work. Many fun-filled picnics have provided hilarious memories. Members traveled to Boston for music recitals,—to the famous Esplanade Concerts,—to Mrs. Jack Gardner's Palace,—and to professional plays. The Club even trod-the-boards for other organizations in town but generally found the return was not commensurate with the effort expended.

Personal Community Service has retired from active duty as the members' energy has been concerted to meet increasing financial obligations to the Church.

Programs are secured upon suggestions of the membership and reflect their current interests. At various times the stress has been on the home, world affairs, family, religion, current events, and outstanding people. When a program is of particular interest to the community the meeting is open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

The Tyngsborough Evangelical Woman's Club appreciates the many acts of kindness and help it has received these fifteen years and is grateful for the opportunities it has had to serve the Church, the townspeople, and the community.

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Although social in nature, the principal purpose of the organization is to provide a nucleus of trained men, ready to serve the town at any time of night or day, in all kinds of weather. At least one course a year in firefighting techniques has been conducted locally.

Not only is the Association concerned with the skills of the fireman, but also his personal safety and morale. Since its founding this group has purchased personal equipment for the firemen consisting of raincoats, boots and helmets.

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In the past year the Association has progressed favorably and ten new members have joined.

In June a course in Fire Fighting was conducted by Asst. Chief Beauregard of Lowell. Thirty three men from Tyngsborough and five men from Dunstable took part.

On October 31 the Annual Halloween Party was held at the Lakeview School Auditorium with over 350 children taking part. Movies were shown, refreshments were served and over 100 prizes were given to youngsters who were in costumes. The affair was a howling success.

The 3rd Annual Firemen's Banquet was held in a local club with over 100 guests in attendance. The idea is to have something good to eat and enjoy a good time. Needless to say the evening was enjoyed by all and will be remembered for quite some time.

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In 1954 when Mr. and Mrs. George Woodsum moved to Tyngsborough, their children left a flourishing cooperative nursery school run by the families and teachers of Tufts College. Mrs. Woodsum was enthusiastic about the effect that a good nursery school could have on children who were shy or aggressive and unable to play happily with children their own age because of a lack of playmates. Many Tyngsborough children lived far from playmates their own age, and in talking with other mothers, Mrs. Woodsum found many who were interested in the possibility of starting a cooperative nursery school.

An organizational meeting was held in April of 1956 at which time the Tyngsborough Co-Operative Nursery School Association was founded. Mrs. George Woodsum and Mrs. Warren Riley were elected Co-Chairmen. Mrs. Phil Burgess was elected Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Gordon Hertel was elected Recording Secretary. Mrs. John Sanders was elected Treasurer. Mrs. Freeman Spindell became Co-Chairman in August 1956 when Mrs. Riley resigned.

At the meeting the mothers learned from the Woodsums the purpose of nursery schools. They explained that the school is not planned as a substitute for the home or as a low cost baby sitting service. Its purpose is to help the child learn to get along with others his own age, to share and cooperate in play, to develop self expression and social maturity. Nursery school training is a great help at the time of entry into the first grade.



Interested parents worked through the summer. Mrs. Fred Pawlowski was hired as the teacher. She had received her college degree in education and had taught kindergarten in Hawaii for several years. The Nashoba Board of Health approved the Tyngsborough Town Hall for the schoolroom. The fathers made chairs, easels, jungle gym, a storage cabinet and large building blocks. Money was raised by a toy fair and auction, food sales, and a square dance. The mothers had to have chest X-rays and certify to their children's smallpox vaccination and diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus immunization. A mother help schedule was drawn up. Each mother was to help the teacher several days a month. The fee was set at \$3.00 per week. The school calendar corresponded to the Tyngsborough public school calendar.

School opened late in September with 15 children. A typical day began with a period of play, the child choosing his own form of play without unnecessary interference by an adult. Among possible activities were easel painting, block building, finger painting, coloring, playing house, washing dishes, dressing up, playing with clay or play dough. After a story by the teacher, juice and crackers were served, and the children rested briefly; then they played games, sang or played rhythm instruments, before going outside to play in the Burgess' fenced in yard. At some time in the morning the five year olds were grouped together for special projects with the teacher or a mother. The school day began at 9:00 A. M. and ended at 11:30 A. M.

In January 1957 Mrs. Robert Mudge was elected chairman. Other officers were Co-Chairman, Mrs. Fletcher Pyle; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William Shea; and Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Wilton.



During the year field trips were made to Currier's Greenhouse, Kennedy's chinchilla farm, Chisholms mink farm, the Clover Farm store, and the post office. On the last day of school mothers and children visited Benson's Wild Animal Farm.

The second school year began in three downstairs rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holmes on Pond Street in Dunstable under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Wilton of Dunstable. Mrs. Fletcher Pyle was elected Co-chairman; Mrs. James Cunningham was elected Recording Secretary; Mrs. Victor Blanchard was elected Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Lawrence Desmond was elected Treasurer. With a new location and an increased emphasis on kindergarten training, the name of the organization was changed to the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Co-Operative Nursery School and Kindergarten Association. Mrs. James Armour of Chelmsford was the teacher. She was a Wellesley graduate where she majored in child psychology. She had also run a small nursery school in her own home. The year saw a larger enrollment, and school quarters were moved upstairs to a larger area. Field trips were made to the Fire Dept., and the children took a ride on a school bus. A successful year ended with an outdoor graduation and a trip to Benson's.

In April of 1958 new officers were elected. They were: Chairman, Mrs. Gordon Hertel; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Freeman Spindell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Kenney; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Peter Homenick; Treasurer, Mrs. Victor Blanchard. Mrs. Fred Thodal was elected Corresponding Secretary when Mrs. Kenney resigned.

As the Holmes residence was not centrally located, the new officers hoped to locate the school in a more easily accessible place. The members of the Evangelical Congregational church voted to allow the school to use the basement of the church for its quarters. Mrs. Robert Shinkwin of Billerica was hired as the new teacher. She has had special Nursery and Kindergarten training and has taught for many years before coming to Tyngsborough. With a full enrollment of 14 kindergarten pupils and 11 nursery school pupils, the school has been put on a paying basis with only two money raising projects necessary during the year. A scholarship was given to a child whose parents belong to the church. New equipment was added—especially important were four tables made by the fathers of the group and a dozen large building blocks. Tricycles and swings were acquired through the year.

By another year or two, the parents hope to be able to have transportation available which will enable many more to participate in the school.

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Ground Observer Corps

On January 1, 1958, the volunteers of the Tyngsborough Ground Observer Corps Observation Post became a part of the "New Look" in Air Defense activities. Since the far Northern and seaward radar system provided for an alert notification of the United States much more in advance than was previously possible, ground observers were not required to man observation posts around the clock. Instead, the observers received periodic training and participated in scheduled "alert" exercises on a "Ready Reserve" basis.

On January 31, 1959 the Ground Observer Corps was in fact inactivated. This decision was based on the following three considerations.

1. The present radar network and its further expansion and improvement that will be accomplished in the future gives assurance that an enemy bomber can be detected and identified before it reaches the border of the United States. Specifically:

a. The Distant Early Warning (DEW) line stretching across the Arctic and its extension by radar equipped planes and ships out in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

b. A secondary early warning radar chain across mid-Canada known as the Mid-Canada Radar Line.

c. The installation of more and better radar within the U. S. plus the radar equipped planes and ships which extend our coverage off our coasts several hundred miles.

2. The increasing speeds of potential enemy bombers and our own fighter interceptors make it necessary that we develop an automatic means for processing air defense data within the continually reducing time limits. The Air Defense Command is converting to a system that can receive, process and transmit information at greater speeds than is now possible by the present manual procedures. The manually operated air defense system is now being replaced by Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) system which meets present and future requirements.

3. Air Force recognition of its responsibility to relieve the volunteers of a heavy burden of duties when the effectiveness of the electronic air surveillance will permit.

In announcing the inactivation of the Ground Observer Posts, J. H. Atkinson, Lieutenant General U.S.A.F. made this observation "You observers have borne your duties well and faithfully and have provided invaluable assistance to the air defense of your country. We will be forever grateful for your sacrifices. In giving so much of yourselves to the air defense of this country you have proved how much free and independent people can accomplish through voluntary association and spiritual unity. It is my hope, therefore, that the tremendous vitality and knowledge of the G. O. C. as a voluntary movement can be diverted to other areas, important to our national welfare and security."

That all supervisors and observers may always identify themselves as having held an active role as a member of the U.S.A.F. Defense Team they were presented framable certificates and life membership cards by the Air Defense Command.

These certificates read as follows:

The United States Air Force
recognizes
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for
Voluntary and Faithful Service
in the Ground Observer Corps

The local post was manned by 76 observers, 50 of whom were men and 26 women. Forty seven of these observers lived in Tyngsborough. Chelmsford contributed 12, Dracut 7, Pelham, N. H. 3, Lowell 3, Tewksbury 2 and Dunstable 2.

Forty three of these 76 observers had devoted a sufficient number of hours to receive this recognition. All of these had received their wings and 10 had received their merit badges in recognition of extra ordinary service.

The names of the 43 observers follows:

Tyngsborough	Edward McInerney, Jr.
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Angelyn Queene	Francis Bevins
George Bell	Dorothy Magoon
Yvonne Wilkins	Lawrence Magoon
Ronald Sousa	Frederick Parlee
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J. Kendall Bancroft	Earle Stratton (Sup.)
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Mary Flanders	Marion Dingle
Ronald Cocoran	John Trask
Eugene Hamlin	Lena Kelly
Irene Hamlin	Grace Stratton (Adm. Sup.)
Edward McInerney	
Chelmsford	
Charles Batts	Richard Devno
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Corinne Russell	
Dracut	
Harry Westover	Albert Dawson
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Pelham, N. H.	
Ralph Daley	Edith Daley
Lowell	
John Lavalley	
Dunstable	
Cynthia Murray	Nancy Goldthwaite

President Eisenhower, in a letter to observers wrote that the inactivation of the G. O. C. "will terminate the longest continuous service in peacetime by civilian volunteers engaged in support of our national defense effort."

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This picture is made possible by Wesley H. Davis, former Selectman and member of this group, now a member of the Tyngsborough School Committee and William Doyle, Clerk of the above Board of Selectmen and present Moderator of the Town of Tyngsborough.



1914

Mrs. Eva Doyle

1957

Mrs. Doyle who was known as Evelyn to everyone was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on June 7, 1914. She died at the Memorial Hospital, Nashua, N. H. on November 17, 1957.

Evelyn was the wife of Tax Collector and the former acting Chief of Police, William Doyle. She was a quiet, retiring person who for many years took care of the fire alarm system of the Town and had for the past five years handled most of the emergency calls for the Police Department.

She is survived, in addition to her husband, by a daughter, Helen Ann, a student at Notre Dame Academy here in Tyngsborough.

VIA Members Who Have Passed Away in 1958

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The operation of the railroad through Tyngsborough seems to have resulted in few, if any, widely known incidents, accidents, or emergencies. There have been some temporary suspensions because of flood waters from the river or because of poles felled across the tracks by sleet storms. Once or twice motor vehicles have gone off the highway and blocked the tracks. The best known fatal accident took place when several musicians who had played at an outing drove in front of a fast train and were killed as they were leaving the Martin Luther Grounds.

Among the most regular commuters over a long period were Wallace Butterfield, Harry Littlehale, Kirk Bancroft, and Miss Marie Davis. In addition, there was a succession of college students attending classes in Boston. After about 1896 funds from the Winslow estate were allowed to be used to send Tyngsborough pupils to Lowell High School and for a number of years these young people traveled by train between Tyngsborough and Lowell.

Main St., Tyngsboro, Mass.



Main Street, Tyngsborough

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The Welfare Department

Since the early 40's the Welfare programs have been strictly State supervised with a State budget. There has been basic eligibility standards set up for the different categories, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Disability Assistance by State Legislature, which all the cities and towns have to follow.

As we look toward the future we trust that the present acknowledgement of the community to the fact that there will always be those who need assistance and that they are the responsibility of the community as a whole will continue, that we will continue to recognize the fact that a community that continues to work together and retains the old Yankee tradition of self-sufficiency will progress as we certainly have done for the first one hundred and fifty years of our existence as a town.

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Parent-Teacher Association

Chouinard of the Planning Board and Mr. "Ed" Coughlin served as moderator. They each reported on plans that are now underway for a better education for Tyngsborough and the planning for the tremendous increase in the population.

The May meeting, the P. T. A. had a surprise reception for Miss Annie Wylie, second grade teacher who will retire in June. Miss Wylie has been a teacher in Tyngsborough for 40 years, and had had a total teaching experience of 54 years. A speakers rostrum with an engraved plate will be used in the Lakeview school auditorium, was given in the name of Miss Annie M. Wyle. She was presented with other personal gifts and a lovely bouquet of 40 red roses, one for each year of teaching in the Tyngsborough school.

Through the years the P. T. A. has purchased the following school equipment: playground equipment, radio-phonograph, film library, tape recorder, audiometer and records, bicycle rack, unabridged dictionary, opaque projector, two auto-harps, raincoats for the Safety Patrol, uniform for the little league, silverware for the Lakeview cafeteria, and every year the P. T. A. pays for the cook-out for the graduating class.

The faculty and officers are grateful to the members who have contributed to the success of this organization.

Mrs. Thomas Magarian
Secretary

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit #247

each. This helps their morale while confined at the hospital.

We had a successful Whist Party, also held Country Stores in various members homes to help defray our expenses, also sold candy to help.

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